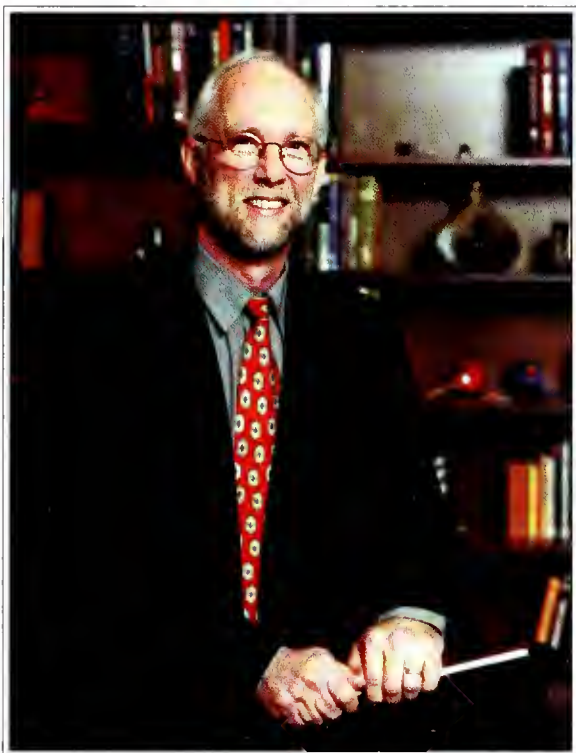


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Heritage ... Excellence ... Vision

Celebrating Traditions. Embracing Tomorrow.

These are the themes for Lenoir-Rhyne's new strategic plan that was adopted by the Board of Trustees this past spring. While the strategic plan gives us our roadmap for excellence for the coming years, the theme words were the guidelines used in preparing the plan.

Throughout our planning stages, it became apparent that Lenoir-Rhyne has a heritage that for generations has focused on excellence in the education of the whole person. We excel in our classroom instruction because our faculty are master teachers who delight in sharing their knowledge with students. And in complimentary fashion, our educational process extends far beyond the classroom to our student life activities, our athletic programs, our outreach to the community and our spiritual opportunities.

In developing plans, we recall the past and look to the future. As Lenoir-Rhyne moves towards its 125th anniversary in 2016, we will continue to focus on the principles and values that are our heritage. We will use our commitment to excellence and to caring to propel us forward to new levels of greatness and service.

Our new strategic plan summarizes our vision in a concise statement: *"Our goal is to be a nationally recognized liberal arts college of choice – known for our excellence in building leaders for tomorrow, developing patterns of lifelong learning, positioning our graduates for success in their professional, personal, and spiritual lives, and providing an unparalleled quality of caring within our college community."*

We are well on our way. In this issue you will find articles that tell the story of excellence that is found in the culture of Lenoir-Rhyne, from the campus to our alumni around the world. We have shared commencement with Sen. Elizabeth Dole, the international community in Germany is enjoying the beauty of the operatic voice of alumna Jane Brown Hughey, our alumni giving rate has reached 30%, student Robert Canipe is receiving early recognition for his creative writing, the Cannon Charitable Trusts have provided us with \$156,000 to establish a world class mathematics and computer science laboratory, Dr. Marion Love is on her way to her second Fulbright Fellowship while Dr. Rand Brandes returns from his second such program, and Dr. Paul Weber continues to gain national recognition as a scholar for his musical compositions.

I encourage all of you to watch as we grow, to join us in the excitement that is part of that growth, and to remain partners with us as we move forward to new levels of excellence.

Wayne B Powell

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On The CoverSen. Elizabeth Dole shakes hands
with an L-R graduate during
spring commencement May 10.The Class of 2003 gave a pair
of columns as their senior class
gift. This is one of the pair, which
stands near P.E. Monroe Auditorium
at the intersection of 6th St. N.E.
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The College held its annual Endowment Brunch during Alumni Weekend. The brunch provides an opportunity for students to meet the people who fund the endowment that supports their education. Here members of the Ketner family meet with the students supported by the Glenn E. and Addie G. Ketner Endowment Fund. Pictured left to right are Julie Lackey '06, Nicole Nain '05, Carolyn Ketner Penny, Kari Moffatt '04 and Addie Ketner.

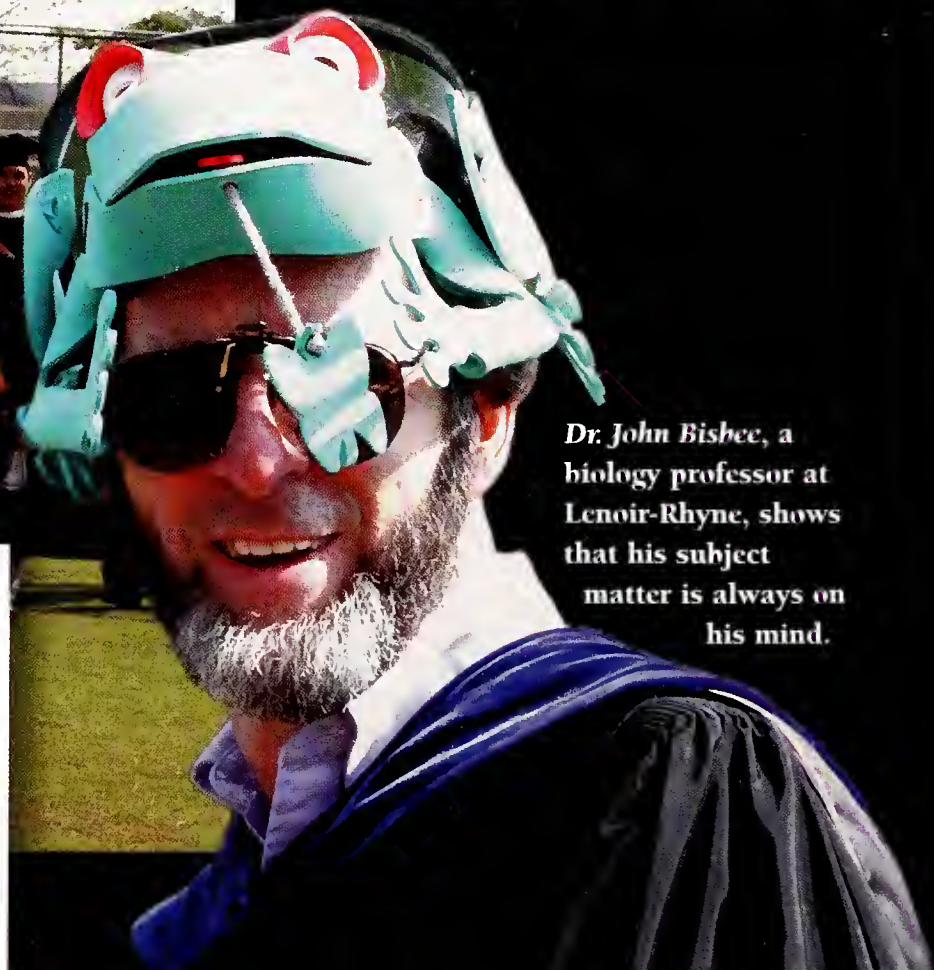


Above: Dr. and Mrs. Wayne Powell arrive at their inaugural gala in a horse and carriage. Left: Dr. Wayne Powell (left) is inaugurated as the 11th president of Lenoir-Rhyne College during a ceremony held April 26 in the P.E. Monroe Auditorium. Conducting the ceremony are the Rev. Dr. Leonard Bolick, bishop of the N.C. Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and John David Moose '59, chair of the College's board of trustees.



Above: Members of the Class of 1958 gather during Alumni Weekend. From left to right are Betty Sink Sublett '58, Tom Sublett '57, Mac Brawley '58, Pete Burr '58 and Jewel Brawley.

Below: Professor Emeritus Dr. William H. Shuford '54 leads members of the Class of 2003 into Moretz Stadium during spring commencement exercises at Lenoir-Rhyne College. Below inset: Josh Yoder '03, is recognized as First Honor Graduate (graduate with the highest grade point average) by Dr. Wayne Powell, president.



Dr. John Bisbee, a biology professor at Lenoir-Rhyne, shows that his subject matter is always on his mind.

David Elder added to L-R staff

David Elder '67 joined the L-R coaching staff as the director of football operations and high school relations.

Elder taught and coached in the North Carolina Public School System for the past 37 years with his most recent stint at Hickory High School. As a head football coach in the prep ranks for 18 years, Elder compiled a 138-71-1 mark. His 1996 Hickory squad went 16-0 on the year and won the NCHSAA 3A State Championship. Additionally, Elder won six conference coach-of-the-year honors and was an assistant coach on the 2000 North Carolina Shrine Bowl staff. Elder is also a two-time Associated Press State Coach of the Year (1996 and 1999) for his undefeated football and women's basketball teams.

An outstanding women's basketball coach as well, Elder put together a 418-129 mark as a mentor and won three state championships (1995, 1998 and 1999), all with Hickory High School. Elder was named to L-R's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2000.

"I am thrilled to announce the addition of Coach David Elder to my staff," said head football coach **Wayne Hicks**. "His wealth of knowledge and experience will be an asset to Lenoir-Rhyne. He is extremely well-respected across the state and in the Hickory community. It is a high honor to have a former L-R graduate to help me with the rebuilding of Bear Football."

Elder said, "I am excited, honored and feel like this is a great opportunity for me to stay in football coaching. Coach Hicks and I are dedicated to making the Lenoir-Rhyne football team a winner. It is a good fit for both parties involved."



Elder



Lenoir-Rhyne bear statues to help students, show pride

The Lenoir-Rhyne College Piedmont Educational Foundation has commissioned **John R. Phelps** of Running Iron Studio to design a bronze bear statue symbolizing the L-R Bear spirit. A limited number of these sculptures will be made available to L-R fans and alumni. The sale of these bear statues will go directly to support athletic scholarships. A 13-foot version of the bear is to be placed on campus as a permanent fixture. The large bear is scheduled to be unveiled at the homecoming football game Oct. 2, 2004.

Phelps is a sculptor and painter who creates realistic artworks depicting the life of the Old West. A lifetime of cowboy-ing, horse packing, hunting and fishing lend credence to his subject matter.

Phelps' work has won numerous awards. In 1999, his painting for the Arts for the Parks competition was accepted in the top 100 and went on to win the Grand Teton Natural History Association Award of Merit, given each year for the painting "which best captures the essence of Grand Teton National Park."

His work has been commissioned for both the Jackson Hole Old West Days and the Wyoming Centennial. He has been an invited artist to the CM Russell Auction, in Great Falls, Mont., for more than 15 years. His paintings and sculpture have twice received the Award of Excellence at the NatureWorks show in Tulsa, Okla.

Lenoir-Rhyne alumni and fans may order their personal bear statue in one of two sizes. The Masterwork, of which 30 will be produced and personally signed by the artist, is 28 inches in height and will cost \$5,000. The Maquette, which is 8 inches in height, will cost \$1,000, with a limited number to be signed. Both sizes will be direct replicas of the large bear to be installed on the Lenoir-Rhyne campus. In addition to receiving their own piece of original artwork, donors will have the satisfaction of knowing they have been involved in the campus-wide project to produce the Big Bear and have also provided much needed assistance to Lenoir-Rhyne's student athletes.

This project is a one-time fundraiser to support Lenoir-Rhyne athletic scholarships. This project will provide a lasting legacy, building on the tradition of the Lenoir-Rhyne Bears. To obtain your piece of Bear artwork, contact the PEF office at (828) 328-7130. For further details, look for your Bear flier to be mailed in early fall, or visit our Web site at www.lrc.edu. ■



Women's Golf Team wins SAC title

The Lenoir-Rhyne Women's Golf Team, for the first time in its five-year history, won the South Atlantic Conference title in 2003. The Bears won by 15 strokes over Wingate and earned a trip to the NCAA Division II playoffs. Members of the 2002-2003 golf team are: sophomore **Amanda Stucky**, junior **Kelly Andrzejewski**, senior **Andrea Tiller**, sophomore **Emily Allen**, sophomore **Amanda Matthews** and junior **Carlie Gordon**.

Sorenson is executive vice president

Lenoir-Rhyne has named **Dr. John D. Sorenson** executive vice president. He began his official duties on July 14.

"I believe that Lenoir-Rhyne is very fortunate to have been able to hire someone of Dr. Sorenson's caliber and experience," said **Dr. Wayne Powell**, L-R president. "Dr. Sorenson is a distinguished scholar and teacher with a long and successful record of academic administration. He has a strong record of



Sorenson

leadership in curriculum reform, faculty development, budget management, integration of technology into the learning process and working with external constituencies."

Sorenson brings with him more than 25 years of experience in higher education, as an administrator and professor of sociology. He and his wife, **Dr. Ruth Sather Sorenson**, have done extensive consulting work for colleges, schools and other non-profit organizations through their firm, Sorenson Consulting. Sorenson served as vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college at Waldorf College in Forest City, Iowa, from 1994 to 2001. While there, he helped the institution move from a junior college to a four-year college.

From 1974 to 1994, he served at Augustana College in Sioux Falls, S.D. From 1975 to 1981, he was chairperson of the Sociology Department, and from 1981 to 1990, he was chairperson of the Social Sciences Division. While at Augustana, he also taught sociology, first as assistant professor, associate professor, and then as a full professor.

He served as president of the Sioux Falls Board of Education from 1990 to 1994.

Sorenson holds a bachelor's degree in philosophy and sociology from Augsburg College in Minneapolis, Minn., and a diploma of theology from Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minn. He earned a master's degree and a doctorate in sociology from Florida State University.



Sacramental Celebration at Lenoir-Rhyne College

These are the students and others who gathered March 31, 2003, for the 1,000th daily Eucharist at Lenoir-Rhyne. The practice of offering communion daily on the campus began in the spring of 1998, after the college pastor, the Rev. Andrew Weisner '79, found references to it in early Lutheran confessional writings. On the front row, left to right, are Sarah McIlvaine, Katie Abernethy, Kari Moffatt and Isaac Stewart. On the second row are Eric Wallace, the Rev. Andrew Weisner and Kurt Schmidt. On the third row are Lynnae Mathia, Heather Peterson, Alison Schmidt, Jessica Brustad and Thomas Bumgarner. On the back row are Chase Crawford, Sam Plonk, the Rev. Jennifer Ginn (a visiting pastor from St. John's Lutheran Church in Salisbury, N.C.), David Sink and Stephen Starr.

Weber receives composition award



Weber

Dr. Paul Weber, associate professor of music, has been awarded the 2003 Raabe Prize for Sacred Composition by the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians. The prize is given for a musical work written within the last five years.

Weber's award-winning piece is "Arise, Shine, For Your Light Has Come," commissioned in 2001 by Henry and Ruth Heil of Greenville, Pa., in memory of their daughter Pam, who died in a car accident on Jan. 6, 1992, the Day of Epiphany.

The Raabe Prize carries a \$2,000 award, to be shared equally by the recipient and a musical or ecclesiastical organization chosen by the composer. Weber is coordinator of Lenoir-Rhyne's Sacred Music Program and director of the college's A Cappella Choir. A prolific composer, he has won numerous other awards, including the 1995 Chautauqua Chamber Singers Choral Composition Contest, the 1995 and 1997 Association of Lutheran Church Musicians' national composition contest and the St. Olaf

Dr. Dale Bailey wins prize for science fiction writing

Since he was a child, **Dr. Dale Bailey**, assistant professor of English at Lenoir-Rhyne College, has loved to write. As a second grader, he wrote little books, illustrated the covers and passed them around to his family. By the time he was in fifth grade, Bailey had written a third of a fantasy novel. His teacher submitted his work in an arts contest sponsored by the Bulgarian government. He was one of 10 winners from the United States to win a trip to Bulgaria. That trip reinforced his desire to become a writer.

Today, many stories later, he's a published author who's gaining quite a bit of attention among writers and fans of science fiction and dark fantasy. Now he can pass around his recent award-winning novella, "Death and Suffrage," to the students in his English classes at Lenoir-Rhyne. Bailey just won the 2003 International Horror Guild Award for Short Fiction, Intermediate Form. He was also a finalist in the First Novel category for "The Fallen," which was published by Signet in November.

The guild annually recognizes outstanding achievements in the field of horror and dark fantasy in several categories. These include: novel; first novel; long, intermediate and short form fiction; collection; anthology; nonfiction; graphic narrative; periodical; art; film and television.

In addition to awards, the guild recognizes individuals who have made meritorious and notable contributions and/or have substantially influenced the field of horror and dark fantasy as living legends. Among these



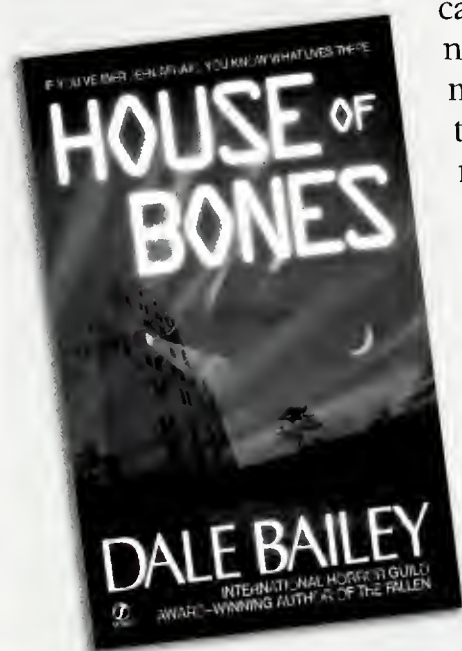
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recipients are William F. Nolan, Alice Cooper, Ray Bradbury and Clive Barker.

Bailey said, "It is neat to be included in the company of writers I grew up admiring — people like Peter Straub, Ray Bradbury and Stephen King." Bailey's winning story "Death and Suffrage" is about a nightmarish presidential contest in which a political strategist wrestles with his own haunted past and its connections with an onslaught of the newly arisen dead. It will be featured in his collection "The Resurrection Man's Legacy and Other Stories," scheduled for publication in November. The book is currently available for pre-ordering at Amazon.com. The collection's title story, "The Resurrection Man's Legacy," was a Nebula nominee in 1995 and has been optioned by 20th Century Fox for development as a motion picture.

Many other stories in the book are set in his home state of West Virginia. He said, "The West Virginia I tend to write about is, I suppose, a kind of historical fantasy, fleshed out from my father's recollections of growing up in the '30s and '40s. His stories of those depression and war years significantly shaped my imagination."

What's next for Bailey? His new novel, "House of Bones," will be coming out in December. He just completed a stint as visiting writer for Bethany College in Bethany, W. Va. "There are plenty of things I want to do," Bailey said. "The problem for me is finding the time to do it all." ■



Prize in 1988. In 1986 he was commissioned to write the music for the theme hymn of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, "Come, Share the Spirit."

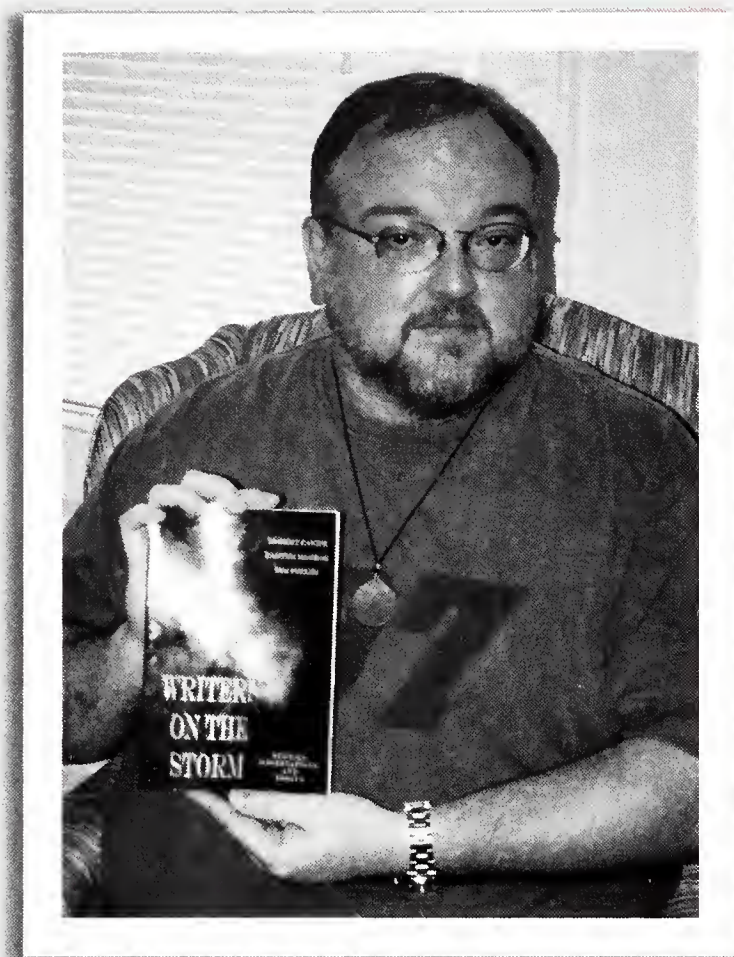
Weber received his doctorate of musical arts in choral conducting from the University of Iowa, a master of musical arts in composition from Yale University and a master of music in organ performance/composition from Washington University, St.

Louis. He is also an ordained Lutheran minister.

Student accepted to national program

Kathryn Brownell, junior mathematics major, participated this summer in a National Science Foundation-funded Research Experience for Undergraduates

program. Brownell's hometown is Longwood, Fla. She chose to attend James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va., but was also accepted at Hope College, Carnegie Mellon University and Miami University (Ohio). The REU program is very competitive, with each REU site accepting only 10 students. The program is designed to prepare students to attend graduate school by giving them research experience and mentoring.



Student selected for writing workshop

For 15 years, Hickory native **Robert Canipe**, 40, could be found behind the counter of Amazing Heroes, his eclectic mall bookstore that featured science fiction and fantasy magazines and books. This summer, he was behind a desk at the Clarion Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers' Workshop in Lansing, Mich., writing his own fiction.

Canipe learned about the workshop through **Dr. Dale Bailey**,

assistant professor of English at L-R, and published science fiction/fantasy author. Bailey read a couple of Canipe's short stories and encouraged him to apply to the Clarion workshop. Bailey had attended the workshop himself several years ago. Bailey told Canipe, "Writing can be learned, but it cannot be taught."

Canipe said, "I have always written, but I had never written seriously until I decided to go back to school." His move from businessman to student happened three years ago when he decided to operate his business from the Web and enroll at Catawba Valley Community College. While there, he met **Tim Peeler**, an English instructor who is also a writer. He encouraged Canipe's writing as well. The two men teamed with **Carter Monroe**, a satirist from North Carolina, to co-author "Writers on the Storm." The recently published book is a collection of short stories, observations and essays about the contemporary South. Canipe described his writing as Southern fiction. His inspiration comes from listening: "You go in stores or a bar and you just sit," he said.

During the workshop in Michigan, Canipe honed his writing skills under the guidance of several authors of science fiction and fantasy including Nalo Hopkinson, Kelly Link, Maureen McHugh, Howard Waldrop and Jim Kelly. Canipe and approximately 17 other apprentice writers were enrolled in the intensive six-week workshop. The apprentice writers were selected based on two short stories they submitted for judging. While at the workshop, Canipe learned he had been awarded the Douglas L. Ruble Science Fiction Scholarship, which paid for half the workshop's cost.

Canipe also became interested in teaching while working as a part-time tutor at CVCC. He is now a senior majoring in English at Lenoir-Rhyne. Next he wants to earn a master's degree and teach developmental studies at CVCC. "The key to teaching is to put something in context so the student can understand, like teaching fractions using pizza," Canipe said. "I want to teach students to find relevance to real life." Canipe's wife, **Ann**, works at Spring Arbor retirement facility and they have a daughter, **Kristina**, who took the photo on the cover of "Writers on the Storm."

Richter attends seminar

Dr. William Richter, professor and chair of the School of Communication and Literature, recently attended a seminar on higher education at Midland Lutheran College in Fremont, Neb. The seminar was sponsored by Thrivent Financial, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and representatives of ELCA institutions of higher education.

The event was part of a two-year program to support the development of higher education leaders, specifical-



Richter

ly at Lutheran institutions. Conference topics included Lutheran vocation for higher education, leadership and best practices in higher education. The participants, referred to as Thrivent Associates, came from institutions throughout the country.

Environmental study abroad program added

Starting this fall, students from Lenoir-Rhyne College will be able to study about environmental issues by traveling to different habitats around the world.

Through this pro-

gram, students will be able to study for a semester in one of six different world environments. The locations and the topics students will learn about are as follows: Vancouver (Canada), forest resources; Kenya, wildlife management; Turks and Caicos Islands (near The Bahamas), marine biology; Australia, rain forest management; Baja California (Mexico), coastal studies and biology; and Costa Rica, sustainable economic development and tropical ecology.

Dr. Nolan Quiros, director of the School for Field Studies in Costa Rica, was in Hickory this summer to finalize arrangements. While at L-R, Quiros also served as a guest lecturer in several classes.

Lenoir-Rhyne is one of 34 colleges affiliated with the international



Quiros

Faculty, staff receive awards

Lenoir-Rhyne College has presented awards to its faculty and staff for outstanding performance. They included **John Huss '74**, director of college relations, who was presented the **Jeff Norris** Non-Teaching Employee of the Year Award; **Dr. Karen McDougal**, biology professor, who received the Roediger Distinguished Service Award; **Dr. John Cheek**, music professor, who received the Faculty Scholar Award; and **Dr. John Bisbee**, biology professor, who received the Raymond M. Bost Distinguished Professor Award.



Huss



McDougal



Cheek



Bisbee

Huss graduated magna cum laude in economics from Lenoir-Rhyne College in 1974 and earned a master's degree in business administration from Appalachian State University in 1976. He graduated from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College in 1987. He served 16 years in the U.S. Army. After retiring as a major, he joined the staff of his alma mater as director of alumni relations. He now holds the title director of college relations, which encompasses parent relations, church relations and public relations as well as alumni relations.

McDougal holds a B.A. in biology from Vanderbilt University and an M.S. and Ph.D. in botany from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. She has been a member of the L-R faculty since 1990. She serves as chair of the campus Tree Committee, which monitors the trees on campus, and also works with donors and suppliers to maintain beautiful trees for future generations. She is a member of the board of the N.C.

Academy of Science and a longtime supporter of student participation in scholarly research. She recently received the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution Conservation Medal from the John Hoyle Chapter of the DAR.

Cheek has enjoyed a successful career as a concert pianist, making his professional debut with the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra at age 13. He holds degrees from Indiana University, SUNY-Stony Brook and the Manhattan School of Music. He has received two Fulbright awards to teach in Armenia. He has also worked with Lenoir-Rhyne Friends of Music to bring outstanding musicians to the Hickory area.

Bisbee earned a B.A. in biology from St. Olaf College and a Ph.D. in biology from the University of Pittsburgh. He joined the L-R faculty in 1974. During his tenure at the college, he has directed the Junior High Summer Enrichment Program, served as chair of the Biology Department and served two three-year terms as chair of the Faculty Executive Committee. Bisbee received the Roediger Service professorship in 1994 and Outstanding Community Service Award in 2000. ■

School for Field Studies, which is directed in this country by Boston University. The curriculum involves many outdoor activities to let students experience the ecology of the region they are visiting. Students also have opportunities to get to know local residents and learn about the culture of their host country.

Love to lecture, research in Russia

Dr. Marion Love, longtime professor at Lenoir-Rhyne College, has received a Fulbright fellowship that will enable her to teach and continue scholarship activities while in



Love

Russia during the 2003-2004 school year. Although this will be her sixth trip to Russia, it will be her longest stay. Love, who first visited Russia

in 1990, will be in the country 10 months. Her husband, **Keith Wood**, will travel with her and conduct independent research with a Russian colleague/journalist on the history of World War II.

Love will work at Moscow International University, where she will lecture in current methodologies for teachers of English as a foreign language. In addition, Love will continue work with two faculty members at the university to complete a second volume of a jointly authored textbook series on American English for Russian speakers. The series, "America The Beautiful," is published by Kitaigorodskaya Press in Moscow.

A former director of L-R's Playmakers, Love uses extensive drama and role-playing techniques in her classes. Currently she serves as coordinator for English as a second language teacher licensure at Lenoir-Rhyne and project director for Rippell, a collaborative \$1.9 million dollar project funded by the U.S. Department of

Education to provide professional development training for classroom teachers and teacher assistants who work with English language learners.

This is the second Fulbright award for Love. In 2001 she received a Fulbright for administrators in international education and traveled to Germany, where she looked at the changing nature of educational exchange programs between the U.S. and Germany.

Martin Luther Fellows at L-R

Lenoir-Rhyne College recently recognized the recipients of the Martin Luther Fellows Scholarship Program. **Bishop** and **Mrs. Leonard Bolick** congratulated the scholarship recipients. This program is made possible by gifts to the N.C. Synod-wide campaign, Our College — Our Future. Available only for N.C. students, this program is designed to recognize the contributions of outstand-

L-R awards honorary degrees

Sen. Elizabeth Dole, R-N.C., was one of three persons receiving honorary degrees from Lenoir-Rhyne College during spring commencement exercises. She also delivered the commencement address.

Others who received honorary doctorates are **Jefferson L. Norris '52**, retired Lenoir-Rhyne administrator from Hickory; and **Carl R. Sachtleben**, senior pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Salisbury, N.C. **Dr. Norman D. Fintel**, who served as interim president at L-R, received a trustee award.

Dole is a native of Salisbury, N.C., a 1958 graduate of Duke University and a 1965 graduate of Harvard Law School. She also holds a master's degree in education and government from Harvard. She has held numerous governmental positions over the years, including secretary of transportation and secretary of labor. Dole served as president of the American Red Cross from 1991 through 1999. Over the years, she has received numerous awards for her public service.

Norris, a native of Maiden, N.C., is a 1952 graduate of Lenoir-Rhyne College and holds a master's degree in political science (public administration) from Appalachian State University. He retired in 1999 after 47 years as an employee of Lenoir-Rhyne College.

During that time, he held numerous positions including assistant registrar, alumni and public relations director, development officer, assistant to the president, chief finance officer and vice president for research and planning. He is co-author of "Fair Star," a history of Lenoir-Rhyne College. He also served as editor of the convention newspapers of the Lutheran Church in America, editor of the North Carolina Lutheran newspaper and co-author of "All One Body: The Story of the North Carolina Synod 1803-1993."

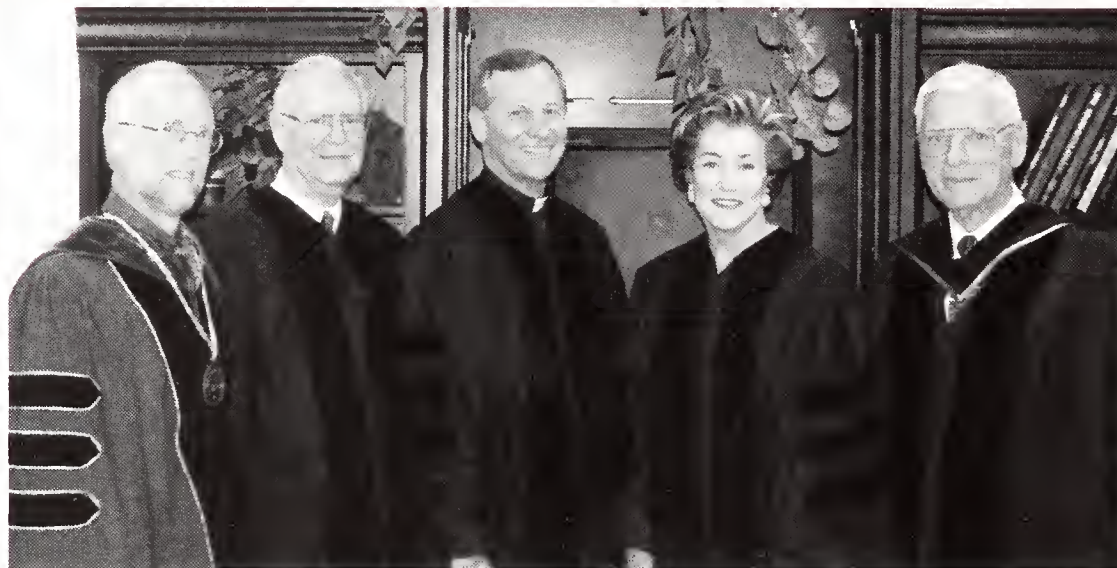
Sachtleben holds a bachelor of arts degree from Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Ind. He also holds a master of divinity degree and a master of sacred theology in pastoral counseling degree from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Mo. He has served as senior pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Salisbury from 1991 to the present. Prior to that time, he served as

senior pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Wilmington, Del.; coordinator of pastoral services for the Delaware Cancer Network; assistant pastor at Concordia Lutheran Church and director of the Concordia Family Life Center; and director of the Office of Resident Field Education at Concordia Seminary and Seminex.

He has led his current church in numerous community outreach activities that have benefited such organizations as Habitat for Humanity; the Eagle's Nest, transitional housing units for mothers and children; and the Nehemiah Fund. In 2000, he helped establish the St. John's Child Development Center. He has also chaired the Advocacy Taskforce of the N.C. Synod and helped establish the N.C. Lutheran Office of Advocacy Ministries in 2002.

Fintel is a resident of Salem, Va. He holds a bachelor's degree from Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa; a master's degree from the University of Wisconsin and a doctorate from the University of Minnesota.

He served as director of public relations of Wartburg College; assistant director of the Board of College Education, The American Lutheran Church; and executive director of the Division of College and University Work, of The American Lutheran Church. He served as president of Roanoke College from 1975 through 1989 and now holds the title president emeritus. Since retiring, Fintel has been a consultant to several colleges. In 2002, he served as interim president of Lenoir-Rhyne College. ■



From left to right: **Dr. Wayne Powell, Jefferson Norris '52, the Rev. Carl Sachtleben, Sen. Elizabeth Dole, Dr. Norman D. Fintel.**

ing students to their church and community. Selections are made by a local congregational committee with guidance from the college's admissions office. Recipients who make academic progress toward graduation may receive the \$1,000 scholarship for all four years. For more information about the Martin Luther Fellows Scholarship Program and other financial aid at Lenoir-Rhyne College, contact **Karen Feezor '84** at the L-R

Office of Admissions at (828) 328-7300 or 1-800-277-5721; or **J.C. Epting '65**, director of church relations, at (828) 328-7081 or eptingj@lrc.edu.

Two students win biology awards

Two Lenoir-Rhyne College biology students captured first and second place honors for research papers they

presented at the 100th N.C. Collegiate Academy of Science meeting held recently at UNC-Wilmington.

Troy Kassab '03 of Hickory received a first place award in the ecology section for his study of a population of Eastern box turtles (*Terrapene carolina carolina*) in Catawba County.

Adrea Tiller '03 of Burleson, Texas, took second place in the cell and development section for developing an assay to test activation of the

New trustees named

Three new members of the Lenoir-Rhyne Board of Trustees were approved at the assembly of the N.C. Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. They are **Dr. Elizabeth R. Hayford** of Chicago, Ill.; **A. Thad Lewallen III '75** of Winston-Salem, N.C.; and **George A. Moretz** of Hickory, N.C.

The following incumbents were also re-elected: **Dr. William R. Crawford** of Newton, N.C.; **Boyd L. George** of Hickory, N.C.; **Dr. Thomas L. Hellie** of Chicago, Ill.; **John D. Moose** of Durham, N.C.; and **the Rev. Dr. Edgar R. Trexler** of Hendersonville, N.C.

Hayford currently serves as president of Associated Colleges of the Midwest. Prior to that time, she was vice president for academic programs at that organization from 1981 to 1984. She has also served as an associate of the Yale-China Association, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (1978-81); associate dean/assistant dean of arts and sciences at Oberlin College (1972-1978) director of Judaic and Near Eastern studies program, Oberlin College (1977-78); resident director of the Great Lakes Colleges Association Japan Study Program (1974-75); and research and editorial assistant at Bunting Institute in Cambridge, Mass. (1964-65).

She has taught at Oberlin College, Waseda University, Case Western Reserve University and the University of Lowell,



Lewallen



Moretz

Lowell, Mass. Hayford holds a doctorate in history from Tufts University, a master's in regional studies from Harvard University and a bachelor's degree from Radcliffe College.

Lewallen, a 1975 business graduate, is managing director of Lewallen Management. He formerly served as vice president of marketing for Goody's Pharmaceuticals Inc. He is currently CEO of To the Point Embroidery.

He is a former chair of the L-R Board of Visitors and former chair of the board of Brenner Childrens Hospital Advisory Board. He is a member of Centenary United Methodist Church. He has taught Strategic Management as a member of the adjunct faculty in Wake Forest University's Calloway School of Business and Accountancy.

He is married to the former Margaret Worstell and has two children, Shippey, 17, and Wright, 14.

Moretz is president of the Moretz Foundation in Hickory. He is a 1964 graduate of N.C. State University. He joined Carolina Mills Inc. in 1964 and was named chairman of the board of that company in 2002. He is a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Hickory and the Newton Conover Rotary Club. He volunteers with the Piedmont Council of the Boy Scouts of America and the YMCA of the Catawba Valley. He previously served on the L-R Board of Trustees from 1993-2002. He also serves on the Business Council Board of Directors, and the Mauney-Schaeffer Campaign Committee and chairs the Trustee Committee on Promotion and Development.

He is married to the former **Carolyn Shoaf** and has three children: **Sloane Woltz**, 36, of Greensboro; **Ashley Moretz**, 33, of Almaty, Kazakhstan; and **Drew Moretz**, 30, of Raleigh, N.C.; and a grandson, **George Ruffin Moretz**, 1 month. ■

developmentally important "snake" protease in *Drosophila melanogaster*.

Tiller did her research while participating in a summer research program at the Medical College of Georgia last year. Her project involved using modern biotechniques to try to determine when a particular gene is expressed in the developmental sequence of the fruit-fly. This gene is also important in humans in that it seems to be related to blood clotting. Tiller plans to attend graduate school in forensic science. Other students who presented their research at the conference were **Jamie Rudisill** of Hickory and **Brandon Blake** of Morganton

Professor named to Wall of Fame

Dr. Robert N. Simmons Jr., professor of business at Lenoir-Rhyne College, was recently selected for the national Wall of Fame award from Phi Beta Lambda Inc. A plaque recognizing

Simmons for 39 years of service as chapter advisor was placed on the National Center Wall of Fame of the Future Business Leaders of America—Phi Beta Lambda Inc. in Washington, D.C.

During his career, Simmons has served as a Phi Beta Lambda advisor at colleges in North Carolina and Georgia. The last 26 of those years have been at Lenoir-Rhyne. "I've enjoyed working with highly creative and energetic students," Simmons said. "I've worked with good faculty advisors, too." He was also co-state advisor for North Carolina for 14 years and was a member of the state committee in Georgia for more than eight years. Simmons helped set up the bi-annual North Carolina Phi Beta Lambda conferences to help students further develop business skills.

Under Simmons' leadership at L-R,



Simmons

business students created an on-campus store named Bear Essentials to earn money for Phi Beta Lambda activities. The students sold a variety of novelties, including t-shirts, mugs and visors. Additionally, business students attend annual state leadership conferences where they have been recognized 20 of the last 26 years with the Gold Seal Award. This award recognizes outstanding chapters that rank in the top 5 percent of the state and nation.

"Bob Simmons has been the spark behind the success of Lenoir-Rhyne's Phi Beta Lambda," said **Sarah Wallace**, interim chair of the Charles M. Snipes School of Business at L-R. "He has motivated and inspired students in our local chapter as well as those across the state for 39 years, helping them develop into successful business leaders."

Simmons earned a bachelor's degree from Western Kentucky University, a master's degree from Appalachian State University and a doctorate from Colorado State University.

Student participates in research program

I**saac Deal '04**, a senior biology major, participated this summer in a National Science Foundation-sponsored Research Experience for Under-



Deal

graduates at Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kan. He received a scholarship that included tuition, books, lodging and a stipend while he was working in the program. He was one of nine students selected for participation in this program, which revolves around conservation of the tall grass prairie ecosystem.

Deal worked at the Konza Prairie Biological Station with **Dr. Brett K. Sandercock**, assistant professor of avian ecology. Deal's research involved the study of the regal fritillary, an endangered butterfly species found in the Konza Prairie. At the conclusion of the 10-week program, he gave a presentation of his research and attended a national scientific meeting.

Hipp receives Telly Award

J**onathan Hipp '00**, Lenoir-Rhyne's television studio manager, received a Bronze Telly Award for his documentary "LRC – Through the Years." The film, entered in the Educational Documentary/History category, was made for L-R's presidential inauguration week activities.

Founded in 1980, the Telly Awards originally recognized non-network and cable TV commercials. Several years ago the competition was expanded to include film and video productions, as well as non-network TV programming. Entries do not compete against each other, but are judged by a high standard of excellence. Judges come from all regions of the country and represent a cross-section of producers.

The Telly is one of the most sought-after awards in the TV, commercial and video industry, with more than 10,000 entries submitted each

Student interns with Noggin

This summer, **Leslie Doiron '04**, a senior communications major at Lenoir-Rhyne, was one of eight students chosen to intern with Noggin, a children's television network that is part of MTV Networks. Nickelodeon and Nick Jr. are also part of MTV Networks.

"I was very excited and shocked," Doiron said. She interviewed in April for an internship with Nickelodeon's "Dora the Explorer" and was turned down. She figured she could always work another summer at the day care center of her home church, St. Mark's Lutheran, in Jacksonville, Fla. She loved children and would get broadcasting experience as soon as she could.

Then in late May, Noggin notified Doiron they had an opening for an intern in production and programming if she wanted the position. This summer she worked right outside Times Square and stayed at the YWCA in Brooklyn. "Hey, it's not the Hilton, but it's cheap and it'll definitely be an experience," she said.

Noggin produces commercial-free children's television programs in conjunction with Children's Television Workshop, the same company that produces "Sesame Street." The network, launched in 1999, focuses on television and Internet learning for children. Its target audience is children 2 through 12. Doiron's work for Noggin includes production work on "Play With Me Sesame," a 30-minute interactive version of "Sesame Street" for pre-schoolers.

She is also working on the Noggin Web site, which is designed so children can create their own cartoons using the animation tool. Then they submit their cartoons to Noggin for use on the air. It's Doiron's job to review the submitted cartoons, making sure the children don't give out personal information. She also helps determine which ideas get used. "Children's broadcasting is a relatively small and specialized area, and I'm happy that I have an internship in the field that I want to go into," she said.

Doiron's life-long interest in children's television coupled with her love for children evolved into a college major in communications. "I've always been a big fan of the Muppets and I've always liked working with kids," she said. Originally, she was an elementary education major at L-R. Like her mother, Doiron was planning to teach.

All that changed last year when she performed in "Charlotte's Web" and "A Trio of Tricksters" at the College. "I've loved those experiences, so I'm definitely sure that children's broadcasting is what I want to do," Doiron said.

Once she made up her mind to pursue a career in broadcasting, she didn't waste any time looking for broadcasting opportunities. She found out about the Noggin internship by searching online. Doiron hopes the internship will eventually turn into a full-time job. "I'd really like to work for 'Sesame Street' or Nickelodeon and maybe start a show of my own," she said. ■



Doiron



Hipp

year. Video and Film and Program winners in last year's competition included A&E, The History Channel and National Geographic. Hipp has worked in the television industry since he graduated in 2000.

Synod begins celebration at L-R

Almost 900 persons attended the 2003 Assembly of the N.C. Synod of the Evangelical Church in America (ELCA) held June 5-7 on the L-R campus. This event kicked off the Synod's yearlong 200th anniversary celebration. This was by far the largest gathering in many years.

Current bishop, **Dr. Leonard H. Bolick**, 56, was re-elected to a second six-year term on the first ballot, receiving a standing ovation from the assembly. ELCA **Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson** was a special guest of the assembly. He reported on the ELCA and its vision and mission, emphasizing

ing the importance of evangelism and prayer to the health of the ELCA.

Through video and slide presentations, the assembly looked ahead to the activities of its yearlong 200th Anniversary Celebration. A pen-and-ink montage reflecting the theme "Graced by the Past and Called to the Future" was dedicated, along with 12 replicas of the host box used at the first synod gathering in 1803. Each of the synod's 241 congregations received a copy of the print and will have the opportunity to have one of the pewter host boxes in their church at some point during the coming year.

The highlight of the anniversary will be the Nov. 15 Service of Celebration, where 3,000 Lutherans and guests are expected to gather in Waite Chapel on the Wake Forest campus in Winston-Salem, N.C. The Lenoir-Rhyne College A Cappella Choir and Brass Ensemble will present special music composed for the event.



Those retiring include **Dr. Beverly Craig**, **Iris Moore**, **Dr. Gerald Gober**.

Promotions, retirements

The following faculty members have received promotions. Promoted from assistant professor to associate professor are **Dr. Karen Dill**, **Michael McGee**, **Dr. Chris Nigrelli** and **Dr. Katherine Pasour**. Those being promoted to full professor are **Dr. Bill Richter** and **Dr. Gail Summer**.

In addition, the College recognized three retiring employees: **Dr. Beverly Craig**, retiring after 31 years as a professor of nursing, member of the advancement team and chair of the School of Education; **Dr. Gerald Gober**, retiring after six years as a business professor and chair of the Charles M. Snipes School of Business;



The Lenoir-Rhyne A Cappella Choir performs in Eisenach at St. George's Church, the church where J.S. Bach was baptized.

Choir returns from trip to Germany

The A Cappella Choir toured Germany this spring. Thirty students and three faculty members participated in the tour that took them to 11 cities and the German Alps. During the trip, the choir performed in several of Europe's cathedrals and had the opportunity to visit historical musical sites.

and **Iris Moore**, retiring after 46 years in various positions with the College's business office.

Student wins national award

Lenoir-Rhyne College student **Whitney Bowman '04**, a communications major from Statesville, took a fifth place award in Hospitality Management at the Phi Beta Lambda National Leadership Conference held this summer in Dallas, Texas.



Bowman

Other L-R students who competed were **Marian Dillingham '04**, an accounting major; and **Sharbrina Sifford '06**, a pre-med major; both from Newton. To be eligible to enter the national contest, students had to place first or second in earlier statewide competition.

Phi Beta Lambda, the largest organization of its kind in the world, is

widely recognized for its development of business leadership. The national membership roll includes 10,000 college students. Several thousand delegates attended the National Leadership Conference. The organization strives to prepare students for careers in business and business education. Its members include students from the United States, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and Europe.

Students participate in summer academy

A group of 20 minority high school students from across North Carolina participated in the 2003 Summer Academy of the Carolina Institute for the Multicultural Approach to Science. The students spent three weeks on the L-R campus this summer and studied a wide variety of scientific topics. CIMAS, funded with a grant from the Burroughs Wellcome Fund, offers enhanced learning programs in math and science to ethnic minority students entering ninth and tenth grades.



Leadership gifts help Mauney-Schaeffer

Mauney-Schaeffer Conference Hall is moving closer to reality thanks to several leadership gifts. The Charles A. Cannon Charitable Trusts have given \$156,000, which will equip a new computer lab in the building. The grant will provide equipment and technology upgrades designed to prepare students with the same cutting-edge technology they will encounter in graduate school or on the job.

The lab will feature high-end multimedia computers, plasma screens, digital white boards, scanners, high-resolution digital photography equipment and color laser printers.

A work area containing additional PCs for students will also be added to this building. More than \$30,000 has been allocated from the Cannon Trusts grant to acquire software for mathematics simulations, statistics and programming tools. Funds from the grant will also provide several other technological upgrades. Since the 1970s, the college has been a beneficiary of the Cannon Trusts' philanthropy.

The room that will house the new computer equipment will be made possible with a gift of \$250,000 from **Pat Anderson**, a long-time friend of education and **Charles Snipes '58**. Anderson has bachelor's and master's degrees from Appalachian State University and has taught in Charlotte and Reidsville. Additionally, she has served on various boards that support education in the area. These include Beaver Family Foundation, Patrick Beaver Learning Resource Center, Patrick Beaver Scholarship Foundation and Reich College of Education. Beaver has also served on a number of other area boards, including Sipe's Orchard Home, St. Luke's United Methodist Church and the YMCA of the Catawba Valley. The lab will be named the Patricia Anderson Computer/Math Resource Lab in recognition of her generous gift.

Mauney-Schaeffer leadership donors

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Wilbert '50 and **Ruth Seabock** have given a leadership gift. Wilbert Seabock is a former member of the College's Board of Trustees, Board of Visitors, and the Promotion and Development Committee. He has also served as president of the Alumni Association and Piedmont Educational Foundation/Bears Club.

Charles Connor Jr. and **Charles Connor III '79** have given a leadership gift to sponsor a classroom in the building. Charles Connor Jr. founded County-Wide Insurance in Claremont, N.C., as well as several restaurants. He is a former member of the L-R Board of Visitors. His son, Charles Connor III, is president and chairman of the board of First Security Insurance Co. of Hickory. He is also president and chairman of the board of Connor Insurance Co. in Claremont, a member of the L-R Business Council Board of Directors and the L-R Planned Giving Council.

Hickory Springs, a supplier to the furniture industry, has donated \$50,000 to sponsor a seminar room in the Conference Center. This gift will honor **P.C. Underdown Jr.**, **R.R. Simmons** and **B.W. Bush**, three founders of the company.

A.G. '57 and **Linda '59 Jonas** have also given a leadership gift to the project.

They are charter members of the President's Society. Their business/foundation is a Centurion member of the Founders Society and a member of the Business Council. A.G. Jonas, chairman of Lenoir Mirror Co., is a former member of the Board of Visitors.

The Bank of America Foundation has given \$25,000 to the Mauney-Schaeffer project. In appreciation, an interview room in the Alex Lee Career Center on the main floor in the new building will bear the company's name.

Dr. Ki-Hyun "Kenny" Chun '74, a member of the Lenoir-Rhyne Board of Trustees, and his wife, Sunny, have given \$25,000 to the Mauney-Schaeffer project in honor of Fran Fitz, professor emerita in the Charles M. Snipes School of Business. A faculty office will be named in honor of Professor Fitz.

Harold Hawn is sponsoring a faculty office for the School of Computing Science and Mathematics in memory of his wife, **Virginia S. Hawn '49**, who was a mathematics professor at Lenoir-Rhyne from 1957 through 1993.

Harley F. "Buck" and **Helgi '61 Shuford** are sponsoring a faculty office in the building. The Shufords are members of the President's and Founders Societies. She is currently serving on the College's

L-R family center receives grant

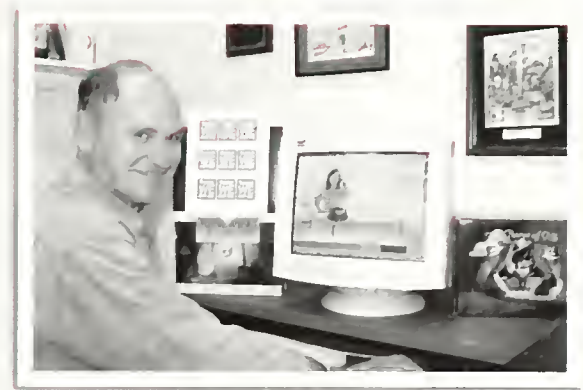
Lenoir-Rhyne has established a center for family and community relationships called The Power of We. The purpose of the center is to research and develop educational materials that promote healthy family relationships. The center will provide a Web site with free materials. In addition, the center will offer local, national and international seminars and workshops designed to assist families.

The Power of We is under the direction of **Dr. David J. Ludwig**, professor of psychology. The center received a \$5,000 start-up grant from author **Jan Karon's** Mitford Children's Foundation. The first use of the grant is to help fund a Web resource that utilizes cartoon characters with streaming audio to model healthy parenting. Web visitors can listen to the dialogue between characters and then

click on each character to see which relationship choices have the most positive outcomes.

Karon, originally from Lenoir, is the author of the Mitford series of books. In these, she writes about a small town in the South that is home to Episcopal priest Father Tim Kavanagh. The Mitford books revolve around the priest and his commitment to solid relationships. "It's a joy to send this gift to your family and children's ministry," Karon wrote to Ludwig. "Keep us informed about its growth."

Ludwig has taught psychology at the College for more than 25 years and has worked as a family therapist for more than 30 years. He is an ordained pastor of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod. He has written numerous books and created videos related to family life. Through the years, he has developed a number of programs and presented them at conferences and workshops, including presentations in Australia.



Author Jan Karon's Mitford Children's Foundation provided a grant that will upgrade the Power of We Web site..

Ludwig said, "Concern for individual rights has dominated our culture, moving our society into a culture of 'me.' The center seeks to identify relationship patterns so that families can understand them and alter their strategies to build healthy 'we' relationships." For more information about The Power of We Center, visit www.thinkwe.com or contact Ludwig at (828) 328-7212. ■

Board of Trustees. This spring, the L-R Business Council named Buck Shuford the 2003 Business Leader of the Year.

In addition, major gifts were made by **George and Sally Blackwelder**, **Carl Cline '66** and **Steve and Jane '68 Mull**. Steve Mull is owner of Galaxy food store in the Viewmont area of Hickory and a member of the L-R Board of Visitors. Cline is a member of the L-R Planned Giving Council, Friends of Music Committee and Business Council Board.

When completed, Mauney-Schaeffer Conference Hall will house the School of Computing Science and Mathematics, the Charles M. Snipes School of Business and the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences. For more information about the renovation project, contact **Rich Duncan '88**, director of special projects, at (828) 328-7339 or at duncanr@lrc.edu; or **Teri Lemons**, vice president for advancement, at (828) 328-7360 or lemons@lrc.edu.

Edwards Endowment Fund established

The **Margaret Marlow-Edwards '47** and **John H. Edwards** Endowment Fund has been established at Lenoir-Rhyne College. The fund was established by the Edwardses to provide scholarship support for students in the College's education and/or music programs. They cre-

Heyes donate to football program

Charles "Charlie" Edward Heye II '71 and his wife, **Emily Alexander Heye '66**, stand on the L-R logo embedded in the floor of the McCrorie Center in front of the football weight room. The Heyes have given a major gift to the L-R football program. Heye was a wing-back under **Coach Hanley Painter**. Upon graduation, Heye coached and taught in the Statesville City Schools. In 1977-78, he served as defensive secondary coach under L-R Coach **Jack Huss**. Heye is currently a partner in Colonial Trading LLC, a company that provides outsourcing assistance to the furniture industry. Emily Heye is a retired elementary school teacher. "We're grateful for the opportunity that was given us," Charlie Heye said. "It's a small token of what the College has done for us."



ated the fund in honor of their daughter, **Jean Michele Marlow '86**.

Marlow-Edwards spent 34 years in education. During her career, she taught English and served as a counselor at sev-

eral schools in North Carolina and Virginia. She is retired from Hickory High School as a counselor.

"Education has been important in my
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Caption: Ray Monroe Ritchie '48 and his wife, Jane C. Ritchie, stand in front of the cherry tree that was planted near the Lineberger Building on campus. She donated the tree in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

life, and we wanted to support the education program where both my daughter and I earned degrees," Marlow-Edwards said. "We decided to give to the music program as well because we love music and are interested in the college's Friends of Music program."

John Edwards, who died July 22, 2003, shortly after establishing the endowment, was a retired manager of environment, health and safety for General Electric. He served the company in engineering and management positions for 34 years. Their daughter is vice president of Marlow Furniture Company in Hickory.

First preference for the scholarship will be given to a student with financial need who is in education and/or music. More than one full-time student may be selected in a given year.

For more information about establishing an endowment at Lenoir-Rhyne College, contact Teri Lemons, vice president for institutional advancement, at (828) 328-7360 or by e-mail at lemons@lrc.edu. To add to an existing endowment at L-R, contact Vickie Eckard '97, director of development operations, at (828) 328-7336 or by e-mail at eckardv@lrc.edu.

Donated trees provide lasting memorial

Many thanks to those who have planted a tree in honor or memory of someone special. These donations through the Living Tree Fund will allow Lenoir-Rhyne to remain green and beautiful for many new generations of students.

The following trees were donated during 2002-03. A white oak (*Quercus alba*) was planted in honor of **Eleanor Turner Brinkley '48** by her sons **John Dallas Brinkley III '73**, and **Douglas Marshall Brinkley Sr.**

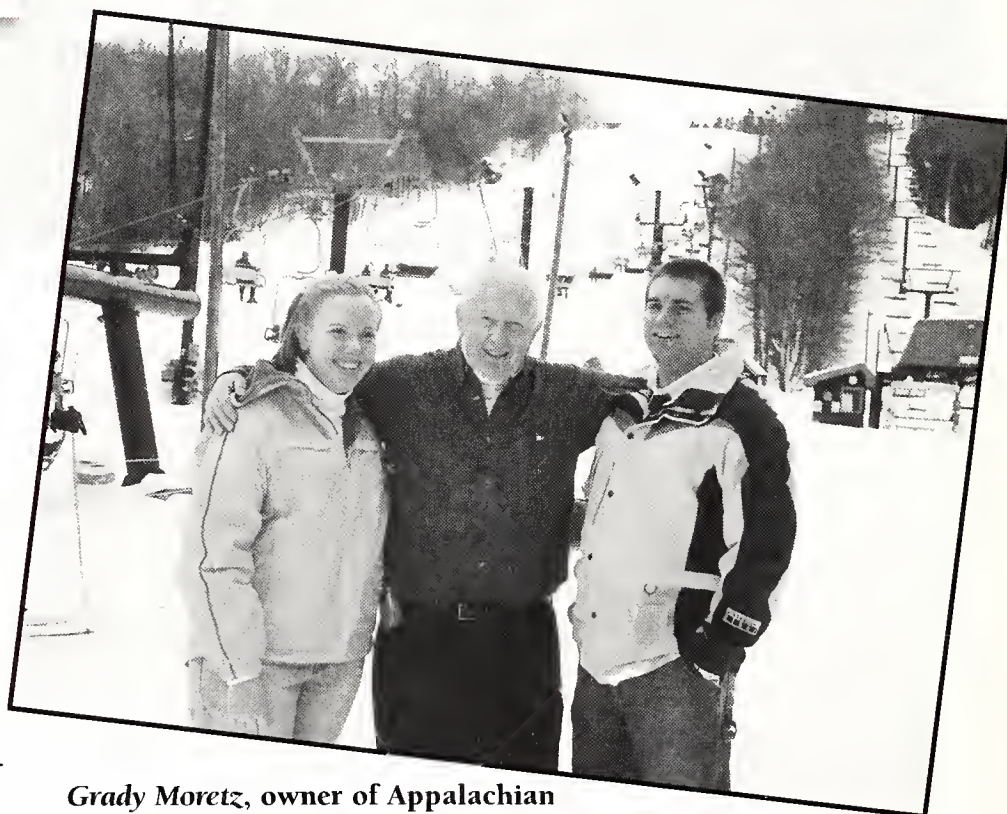
A kwanzan cherry tree (*Prunus serrulata* Kwanzan), was planted in honor of **Ray Monroe Ritchie '48**, by his wife, **Jane C. Ritchie**, in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

A northern red oak (*Quercus rubra*) was planted in honor of **Dr. Normal D. Fintel**, Lenoir-Rhyne president for the interim, 2002, by the President's Cabinet.

A northern red oak (*Quercus rubra*) was planted in honor of **Dr. Ryan LaHurd**, 10th president of Lenoir-Rhyne College, 1994-2002, by his friend Dr. Wayne Powell, 11th president of Lenoir-Rhyne College, on the occasion of his inauguration.

Frederick and Ida Creech '34 Mintz have donated a tree in memory of **Gene Winfree '51**, a former neighbor of theirs in Shallotte, N.C. The tree will be placed near an athletic facility since Winfree played football, basketball, tennis and baseball while a student at L-R.

For more information about how to donate a tree to be planted on the L-R campus, visit our Web site at www.lrc.edu/trees. ■



Grady Moretz, owner of Appalachian Ski Mountain, greets **Courtney Story '06** of Newport News, Va., and **David Wallinger '03** of Tampa, Fla. For many years, Moretz, former vice chair of the L-R Board of Visitors, has supported the College's Family Weekend by donating a pair of lift tickets to any student whose parents attend the fall event. This year, Family Weekend will be held Sept. 12-13.

Programs offer opportunity to enhance

cultural events

Lenoir-Rhyne College has a tradition of sponsoring high-quality cultural programs. These events are usually offered free of charge to the community as well as to students.

As we continue to expand the scope and quality of these programs, many friends and alumni have stepped forward to defray some of the costs. Now there is a structured way to get involved, through the Visiting Writers Program, the Friends of Music and the Friends of the Rudisill Library.

The Visiting Writers Program has a long and prestigious history. Now entering its 15th year, this program has brought to campus such noteworthy authors as Nobel-prize-winning Irish poet **Seamus Heaney** and well-known Southern novelist **Pat Conroy**. The series seeks to feature a variety of authors representing different cultural backgrounds.

This year continues that tradition with an exciting lineup of distinguished writers. U.S. Poet Laureate 2001-2003 **Billy Collins** will give a reading at 8 p.m. Sept. 25 in the P.E. Monroe Auditorium. Irish poet **Joan McBreen** will present her works at 8 p.m. Oct. 9 in the Belk Centrum. **Kathy Reichs**, a certified forensic anthropologist who writes mystery novels, will give a reading at 8 p.m. Oct. 23 in the Belk Centrum.

Pulitzer Prize-winning author **Richard Ford** will speak at 8 p.m. Nov. 20 in the P.E. Monroe Auditorium. **Michael Knight**, a Southern novelist and short-story writer, will give a reading at 8 p.m. Jan. 29 in the Belk Centrum.

Nebula Award winner **Samuel R. Delany** will read from his science fiction works at 8 p.m. Feb. 26 in the Belk Centrum. On March 25, **Karen Joy Fowler** will read from her work at 8 p.m. in the Belk Centrum. She is a winner of the John W. Campbell Award for Best New Writer. Her first two novels were both New York Times Notable Books.

Martin Espada, winner of an American Book Award, will give a reading at 8 p.m. April 22 in the Quiet Room. Additional details about these authors are available on the Web at www.lrc.edu/news/writers.htm.

The Friends of Music will continue its tradition of presenting master musicians



in concert as well as performances by the College's A Cappella Choir, Jazz Ensemble, Concert Band and Brass Ensemble. This year, the College's holiday concert is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Dec. 8-9 in St. Andrew's Lutheran Church. This annual tradition, which is followed by a tree lighting ceremony, is always a popular seasonal event. In addition, the series will include concerts by the Lenoir-Rhyne Youth Chorus, a group of area children and young people under the direction of **Professor Florence Jowers**.

As a special treat, the Friends of Music will sponsor a concert and master class with New York Metropolitan Opera star **Anthony Laciura**. Tentatively scheduled for April 1-2, 2004, this event is sure to be a highlight of the year. Other guest musicians scheduled to appear include composer **Coleridge Taylor-Perkinson**, pianist and composer **Arthur Aharonian** and trumpeter **Charles Lazarus**.

The Friends of the Rudisill Library began in 2002, as the library was celebrating its 60th anniversary. In its inaugural year, the Friends of the Rudisill Library sponsored an evening of discussion between **Dr. William Friday**, president

emeritus of the University of North Carolina, and **Ralph Grizzle**, author of "Remembering Charles Kuralt." Membership in this group helps support L-R's historic library with gifts of literary and scholarly materials, equipment and furnishings.

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Finding her own voice

Alumna sings with German opera company

When **Jane Brown Hughey '89** was growing up in Salisbury, N.C., it never occurred to her that one day she would be singing with an opera company in Germany. In fact, she never saw an opera until she was a sophomore in college.

However, she is currently a leading soprano employed by an opera company in Radebeul near the city of Dresden, Germany. It hasn't been easy, she admitted. But she has been successful thanks to talent, hard work, persistence and the encouragement of several mentors.

Hughey's musical interest was nurtured from a young age as she learned to play piano from her mother, a church organist. By the time Hughey reached high school, she was also playing flute. Her mother recognized that her daughter needed more advanced music instruction and took her to **Karl Kinard '57**, director of music at St. John's Lutheran Church in Salisbury. After taking piano and organ lessons from Kinard for about a year, she asked if he would also teach her to sing. He suggested she audition for the local Concert Choir he directed.

Impressed by her talent, he put her in the choir and also gave her private voice lessons. By the time she graduated from high school, she was taking music lessons three times a week in singing, piano and organ. Kinard strongly encouraged her to attend Lenoir-Rhyne College to further her musical education.

Not knowing exactly what career path she would follow, Hughey enrolled at L-R as a music education major with emphasis in voice and flute. She later changed her major to

music performance. It was during this time that one of her music professors, **Jody Kindt**, took her class to see a touring opera company. She also toured Europe with the A Cappella Choir, and was inspired by the musical traditions she found in Germany. Hughey studied the German language for two semesters at Lenoir-Rhyne and discovered she had a knack for it.

Shortly after graduation she married **Richard Hughey**, who at the time was director of the Western Piedmont Symphony based in Hickory. About that time, the Berlin Wall fell and Germany moved toward reunification. Richard Hughey was convinced there were more opportunities for a conductor in Germany, so the couple moved to a small town between Dresden and Berlin in 1990.

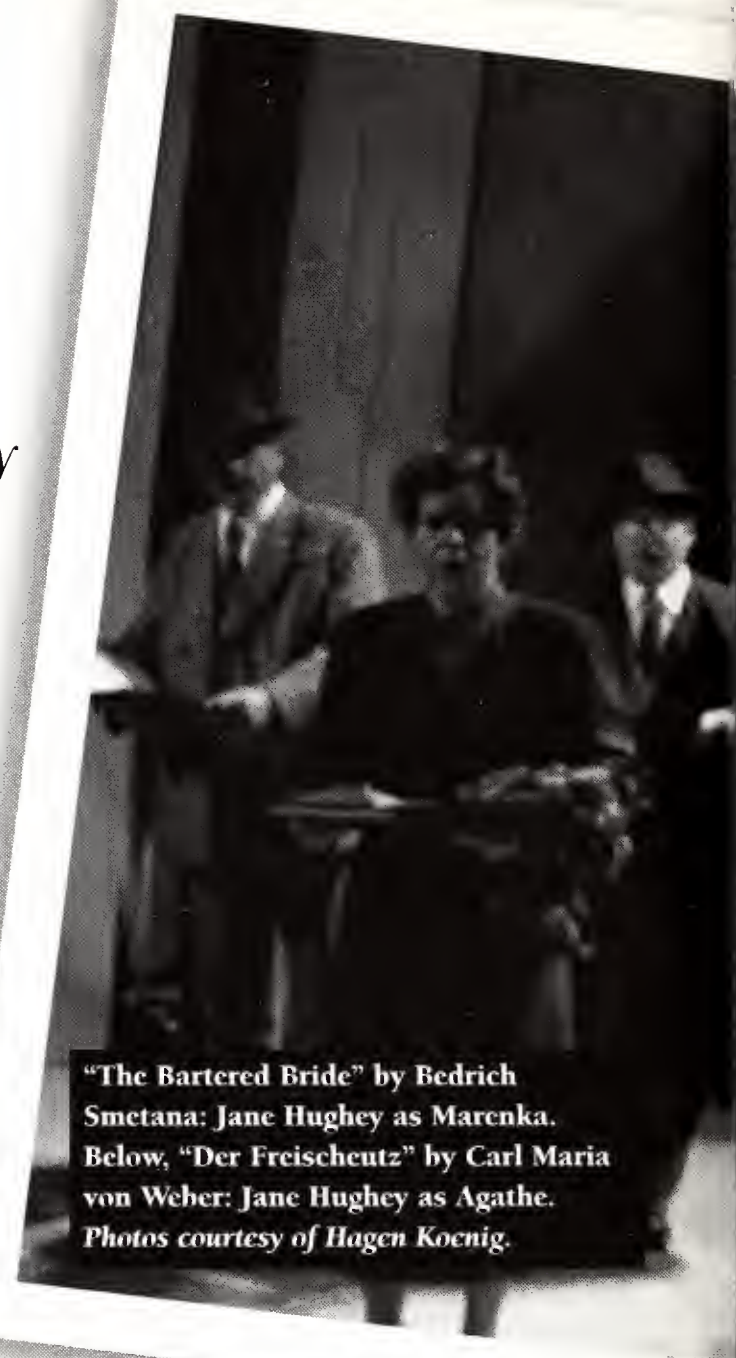
"It was kind of an adventure," Jane Hughey recalled. At the time, living standards in the former East Germany were far behind what she was used to in America. For instance, the couple didn't have a telephone in their apartment for more than a year. Gradually, conditions have improved for the former Soviet Bloc country. Hughey's husband landed a conducting job, and in 1992 she was hired to sing in the chorus of the Landesbuehnen Sachsen (Repertory Theater of the Province of Saxony). Armed with youthful enthusiasm, she learned a new language, a new profession and a new culture.

In Germany, she explained, the theaters and opera houses are owned by the government and the performers are state employees. Hughey said she had received a strong musical foundation from Kinard and Lenoir-Rhyne. However, she knew she needed to continue

improving. She began taking private voice lessons, which she continues today. After five years in the chorus, Hughey took the unusual step of asking for a better position. In Germany, she explained, most people pigeonhole performers and do not expect anyone to advance from singing in the chorus to being a soloist.

"It takes a lot of self-confidence to ask for a promotion," she said. "I could fall flat on my face — but at least I tried." When she approached the manager of the company, he was surprised but receptive. Based on an audition, he agreed to let her sing some solo roles. During this time, she was performing supporting roles as a mezzo-soprano.

She wanted to be considered for even better parts, but felt she needed to sharpen her skills. During this time, she went to a concert by **Teresa Berganza**, a famous soprano from Spain. After the performance, Hughey



"The Bartered Bride" by Bedrich Smetana: Jane Hughey as Marenka. Below, "Der Freischutz" by Carl Maria von Weber: Jane Hughey as Agathe. Photos courtesy of Hagen Koenig.

"I've learned not to be such a snob. You can't forget your audience wants to be entertained."



Hughey returned to Dresden and continued to practice. Then, once again, she approached the theater manager and asked for a promotion. Once again, she was successful in moving up within the company. Today, she is singing many of the lead roles.

In 2001, she was awarded a Bayreuth Scholarship from the Richard Wagner Society of Dresden. This is an honor that opens the door for more professional development opportunities.

Over the years, Hughey has performed a wide variety of roles. She sang the part of Hansel in the opera "Hansel and Gretel" and Cherubino in the "Marriage of Figaro." Both of these are called "pants roles," in which the characters are young boys but the parts are written for women singers.

More recently, she has starred in the title role of "The Bartered Bride" (B. Smetana) and is currently singing the part of Agathe in the opera "Der Freischuetz" by Carl Maria von Weber. She will soon appear as Donna Elvira in W. A. Mozart's "Don Giovanni."

Her theater group also performs some lighter fare as part of a summer outdoor concert series. One of her more interesting roles was that of Eliza Doolittle in "My Fair Lady." The English musical was translated into German, and Eliza's cockney accent became a Berlin accent for the German audience. Hughey said she had to have a dialogue coach to master that part.

Although she still enjoys the operatic roles, she said she has come to enjoy the musical theater as well. "I've learned not to be such a snob," she said. "You can't forget your audience wants to be entertained."

Now 36, Hughey says she plans to continue performing and learning as long as she can, probably for another 15 years. Although her professional success has been far from easy, she said she has never regretted her career path. "Every step of the way, I felt this is really what I should be doing," she said. "It has felt right for so long." ■



went backstage to ask for an autograph. Berganza was very gracious to her young admirer, and Hughey felt drawn to the experienced performer. She said she instinctively knew that one day the famous soprano would offer her some significant help.

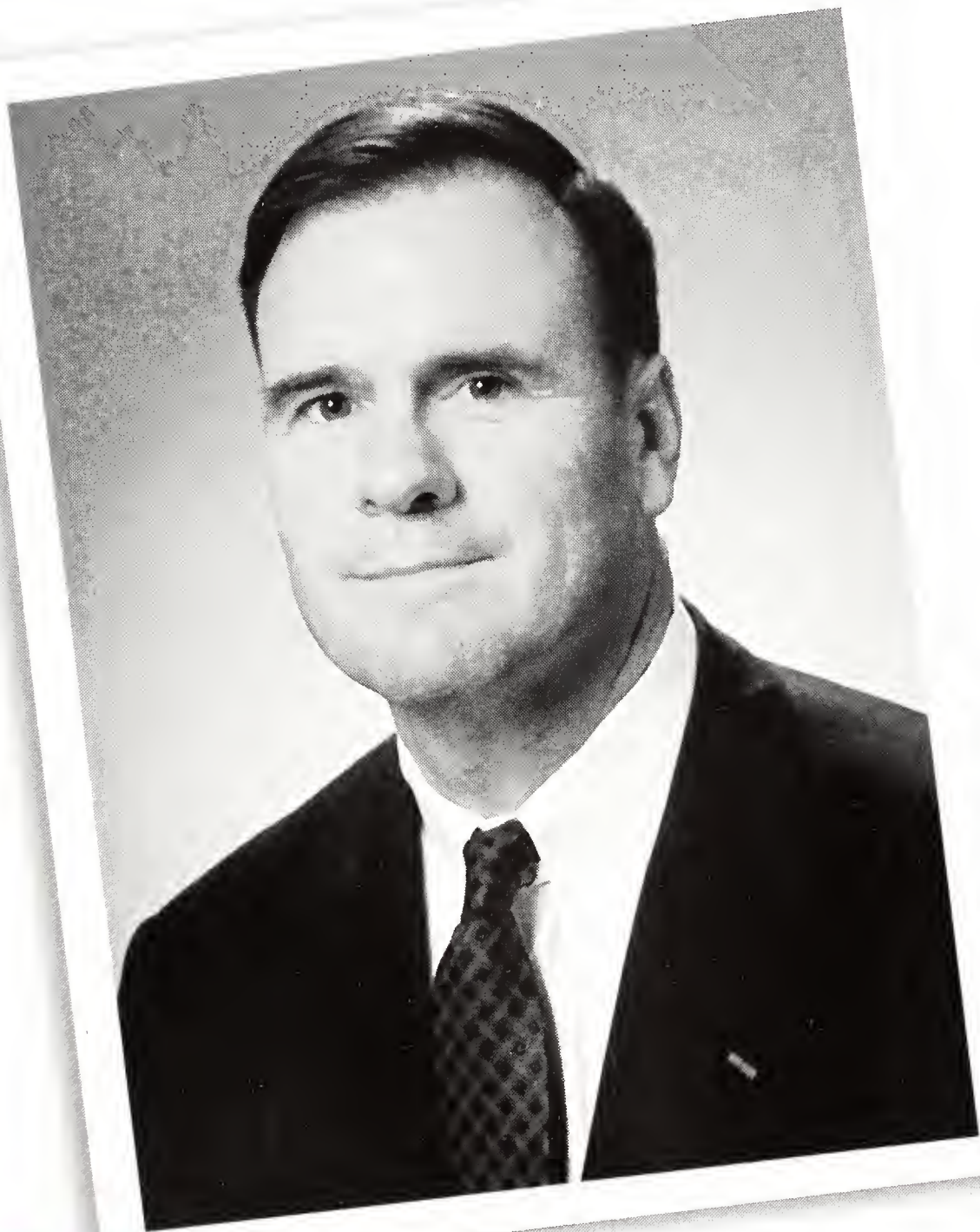
About a year later, Hughey found out about a master voice class being taught by Berganza in Spain. Hughey decided she would have to go. She sent an audition tape and was invited

to a live audition. She was then selected as one of only 10 students in the master class. "What she did for me in those two weeks changed my life," Hughey said.

The opera star remembered her earlier meeting with Hughey and encouraged her ambitions. In particular, she suggested Hughey try singing the higher range of a lyric/youthful dramatic soprano. She also suggested some specific techniques to practice.

Distinguished alumnus

an expert on bioterrorism, health care



When **Fred Brown '69** decided to take early retirement in 2002, he thought things would slow down. What he didn't fully realize was how much in demand his skills would be.

Brown, who received Lenoir-Rhyne's Distinguished Alumnus Award this year, has had a highly successful career in health care manage-

ment. After earning a bachelor's degree in economics from Lenoir-Rhyne, he enlisted in the Army and attended Officer Candidate School, Airborne and Ranger School. As the Vietnam War was winding down, he spent some time in Cambodia.

Returning home, he used his G.I. benefits to earn a master's of public health from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Brown said he decided to enter the health care

field after working part-time at Iredell Memorial Hospital and Catawba Valley Medical Center while a student. "Most people who go into health care have a desire to help their fellow man," he explained. "It's almost like a calling." He also said his years playing offensive guard for the Bears football team instilled in him the values of teamwork and commitment that would shape his future life.

"After being on the football team (under Coach Hanley Painter), Officer Candidate School was a breeze," Brown said with a chuckle.

After completing his education, Brown became a successful hospital administrator, moving up to larger and larger institutions. In 1997, he became executive vice president of Novant Health, a system that employs 13,000 persons and includes several hospitals, nursing homes and physician practices as well as an HMO.

At the same time his civilian career was advancing, Brown developed a parallel career in the Air National Guard, becoming an expert in biological weapons.

In 2001 he retired as a colonel in the Medical Service Corps of the N.C. Air National Guard. During Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, he served seven months in Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Kuwait. During that time, he was commander of the Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, which was charged with evacuating any American troops wounded or exposed to biological attacks. Fortunately, those kinds of attacks did not occur.

"I retired not really knowing what I wanted to do," Brown said. Soon afterward, he received a call from the University of North Carolina Hospitals asking him to develop a bioterrorism response plan. What began with one project grew into a full-time consulting business.

Soon Brown, 57, found he was working 80 hours a week — not exactly what he had expected. To obtain the support he needed, he merged his consulting firm with Pershing Yoakley & Associates. He now heads the Charlotte office of that firm and also teaches part time at UNC School of Public Health.

During his service in the Gulf War, Brown said he came to expect that

Alumni awards recipients named

The Alumni Association presented several awards during Alumni Weekend. The Opal L. Moretz Alumni Service Awards were presented to **Allan R. La Torre '59** and **Nellie R. Pruitt '59**, both of Hickory, and **Harry Huss '53** of Crouse, N.C. **Dr. Sharon L. Gavin '89** of Gainesville, Fla., received the Rising Star Award and **Erin Cook '04** received the Distinguished Alumnus Scholarship.

La Torre received the Service to the College Award. He has held various leadership positions at Lenoir-Rhyne, including past president and board member of the Piedmont Educational Foundation/Bears Club. In this capacity, he helped lead a successful campaign to raise funds for athletic scholarships. Additionally, he served as interim director of the PEF. La Torre has also assisted with class reunions and serves on the college's Board of Visitors. He was named to the L-R Sports Hall of Fame in 2000.

Pruitt received the Service to the Alumni Association Award. She has served for four years as co-chair of the Alumni Association's largest chapter, is an ex-officio member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors and has participated on numerous standing committees.

Huss received the Service to Community Award for lifetime service to Lincoln County. He was an educator in the Gaston County school system for 36 years before retiring as assistant superintendent of schools. He has served his church, Bethphage Lutheran, in a number of leadership capacities. Additionally, he was a Lincoln County commissioner and served on numerous community boards, including the YMCA and the Lincoln Medical Center Foundation. He currently serves on the Lincoln County Community Foundation. In 1998, Huss was named Lincoln County Man of the Year.

one day America's enemies would launch a biological attack on our nation. It's relatively easy and inexpensive, he said. As devastating as the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks were, a biological attack might have been worse. Studies have suggested that a few people willing to be infected with smallpox could have infected many thousands of Americans before the country was even aware of the danger. In such a case, Brown said this country would have to use quarantines, which haven't been used here since the polio epidemics of the 1950s.

Brown's career has also involved him in another topic of public concern, the rising cost of health care. "We have the best health care delivery system in the world," Brown said. This is proved by the fact that the average life expectancy has increased by about four years within the last few decades.

However, the cost has skyrocketed, placing a burden on individuals, busi-

nesses and government. Today, one-sixth of the gross national product is spent on health care.

Congress is under mounting pressure to offer drug coverage to Medicare patients. "We're in danger of developing a two-tier system of health care," he said. Although some receive state-of-the-art care, others do not have medical insurance and often do not seek medical care until a crisis develops. "I think we're on the cusp of having to make significant changes in how we look at health," he said.

Instead of focusing so heavily on treatment, the system needs to reward prevention, he said. For example, encouraging people to exercise and lose weight will eventually pay off in better health and lower health care costs.

Brown's dedication to helping others has not gone unnoticed. Over the years, he has received numerous military and civilian honors. He received the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Mer-



Left to right: **Nellie R. Pruitt '59**, **Harry Huss '53**, **Fred Brown '69**, **Allan R. La Torre '59**, **Erin Cook '04**, **Dr. Sharon Gavin '89**.

Gavin received the Rising Star Award, which recognizes outstanding achievement and potential. She is a graduate of the University of Florida Medical School, where she was selected as chief resident in family practice. While there, she was selected for the Sandoz Honors in Family Practice Award. She currently serves as clinical assistant professor of medicine at the University of Florida Medical School.

The recipient of the John and Suanne Roueche Distinguished Alumnus Scholarship was **Erin Cook '04**. The scholarship is given annually to a rising senior who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and involvement in campus life. Cook is a human and community services major and a biology, psychology and sociology minor. She is involved in numerous activities, including serving as president of campus activities and president of the Wesley Fellowship. This year, Cook will serve as president of the Student Government Association. ■

itorious Service Medal, and Army and Air Force commendation medals.

Early on, he switched from the Army National Guard to the Air National Guard so that he could serve with a medical unit based in Charlotte. In 1996, he was inducted into the Army Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame.

He is a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives and has received the UNC School of Public Health Distinguished Alumnus Award. He is also a recipient of the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, North Carolina's highest award.

He and his wife, Laura, have one son, Thad, who has followed his father into the field of health care. Brown said he has enjoyed his chosen occupation.

"I've never regretted for a minute going into this field," Brown said. "I continue to be challenged. I haven't figured it out yet." ■

Distinguished musician

David Miller '39 dies

Dr. L. David Miller Jr. '39, died May 21, 2003, in Columbia, S.C., at the age of 84. Miller had a long and distinguished career as a church musician. He received an honorary doctorate in music from L-R in 1960 and the Lenoir-Rhyne Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1972.

He was born in Lenoir, N.C., and earned a master of divinity degree from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. He was ordained in 1942 and earned a master of sacred music degree from Union Theological Seminary in New York City. He also did post-graduate work at Kirchenmusikschule, Hanover, Germany.

He served as minister of music at several Lutheran churches. In 1955, he was named dean of the School of Music at Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio. He directed the Wittenberg Choir from 1955 to 1972, during which time he instituted an international touring program, giving concerts in 29 countries.



Miller

The choir was featured on NBC's "Great Choirs of America" series, The Protestant Hour and the Armed Forces Radio Network Broadcasts. The choir was cited as "Ambassadors of Song and Good Will to the World for the United States" by the U.S. House of Representatives.

In 1978, Miller accepted the position of professor of church music and choir director at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, S.C. He also served as organist and choir director for Ebenezer Lutheran Church and organized the Bach Choir of Columbia. He retired from the seminary in 1986, but remained active as a guest organist for churches in the Carolinas and as organist/choir director for St. Michael's Lutheran Church.

Miller served as president of the Hymn Society of America and was a member of the board of directors of the Liturgical Conference. He was also a regular contributor to professional music journals and composed many hymns. He was the author of the books "Psalms for Today" and "Hymns — The Story of Christian Song."

He received the Distinguished Service Citation from the Choral Conductors Guild of America, the Medal of Honor from the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Germany, and the Meritorious Service Award and The Canticum Novum Award from Wittenberg University. He also received the Wittenberg Medal of Honor. He is survived by his daughters, Andrea Miller of Columbia, S.C., Anita Rich of Beaufort, S.C.; and his sister, Frances Stirewalt of Hillsborough, N.C.

In Memoriam

Ava Rudisill Stockman '25
of Statesville on March 4
Rebecca Castor Dorton Means '27
of Concord on March 6
Helen Rudisill Hawn '29
of Winston-Salem on May 6
Euzelia Houser Parsons '30
of Belmont on April 22
Irene Bowman Davis '33
of Hickory on March 29
Helen Schroeder Bisanar '33
of Hickory on May 26
Wilbern Leo Smith '33
of Newton on June 8
Claud H. Huggins '33
of Hickory on June 8
John Wilford Lyerly '35
of Mount Airy on Jan. 7
Emory Michael Carpenter '35
of Hickory on Jan. 19
Zona McSwain Lefler '35
of Salisbury in January 2003
Carl Morris Pope '36
of Statesville on March 18
Helen Yoder Hahn '37
of Harrisburg on April 4
Ola Mae McSwain Kluttz '39
of Fairfax, Va., on Jan. 28
L. David Miller Jr. '39
of Columbia, S.C., on May 21
W. Lucile Love '40
of Newton on April 16
Joseph "Tom" Johnson '40
of Conover on Feb. 7
Mary Elizabeth Young '41
of Winston-Salem on March 19
Helen Hahn Raby '41
of Hickory on May 31

Catherine Jeannette Dellinger Smith '41
of Winston-Salem on May 23
Joe Fox '42
of Statesville on March 26
Gordie Wyant Rudd '42
of Hilton Head Island on June 13
James Pinkney Abree '42
of Hickory on Feb. 27
Cecil Odell Mull '42
of Hickory on March 30
Carl Luther Brooks Jr. '42
of Hickory on June 15
Charles Bernhardt '42
of Sherrills Ford on Jan. 20
C. Harold Carpenter '45
of Maiden on June 4
Peggy Coleman George '46
of Cherryville on Jan. 29
Gordon A. Yount '47
of Hickory on April 7
William Dexter Moser Jr. '47
of Cherryville on May 7
Kent Sherrill '48
of Hickory on Jan. 22
Van Harold Brown '48
of Winter Garden, Fla., on April 5
Isaac Franklin Kuhn '49
of Arden on Feb. 10
Sarah Virginia Witherspoon '49
of Hickory on March 3
Dorothy Louise Long Hager '49
of Iron Station on March 23
Walter Carroll Bouzard '50
of Garden Ridge, Texas, on Feb. 3
Jack Lewis Oglesbee '52
of Savannah, Ga., on May 20
Alvin Lutz Houck '53
of Denver, N.C., on Feb. 25
Joanne "Jo" Cordell Bock '53
of Newton on May 9

George German MacColl '54
of Hildebran on February 18
Sara Taylor Lowry Fisher '56
of Gastonia on March 20
Glen C. Richards '60
of Granite Falls on April 25
Clarence Z. Deal '60
of Hickory on June 2
Catherine Ball Abernathy '61
of Maiden on March 21
Hope Wray Howell '62
of Winston-Salem on Dec. 28, 2002
John Carroll Barringer '62
of Rome, Ga., on June 13
Jacob Marion "Jay" Boggs '64
of Salisbury on March 21
Dorcas Justice Browning '66
of Morganton on May 21
Paul McMillan Yoder '67
of Woodbridge, Va., on Jan. 9
Belton John Peele III '68
of Niagara Falls, N.Y., on Jan. 26
Joy Bristol Bryson '71
of Arlington, Va., on Feb. 24
Ladd Bronson Fuqua II '71
of Burlington on Feb. 10
John Gary Anderson '74
of Newton on March 5
Gregory C. Stryker '76
of Morristown, N.J., in December '02

1954

50-Year Class Reunion during Alumni Weekend April 23-24, 2004.

1959

45-Year Class Reunion during Alumni Weekend April 23-24, 2004.

1961 **Patty Kluttz Hinshaw** was selected for Iliad Press President's Award of Literary Excellence for her published poem "Enough."

The Alexander County Board of Education announced **Dewey P. Austin** as 2003 Award of Honor recipient.

Before retiring as public school administrator in 2001, **Joseph P. Hester** had published a number of books in children's philosophy, critical thinking, ethics, conflict resolution and leadership development. Since his retirement, he has published three books and has a fourth scheduled for publication.

1964

40-Year Class Reunion during Alumni Weekend April 23-24, 2004.

Marsha Hubbell Huddle has been promoted to Associate Director of Student Health Services at the University of Central Florida in Orlando.

Married

Brenda Pike and Stan Richmond on July 13, 2002. They reside in Roswell, Ga.

1965

Carolyn Smith Gregg has been named associate professor of education at Tusculum College. She is also co-director of

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the Warren W. Hobbie Center for the Civic Arts. She recently published a book entitled "The History of Nolachuckey Chapter NSDAR."

Faye Allred Burton received the John M. Davis Distinguished Educational Leadership Award for North Carolina by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Brenda E. Campbell retired in June of 2001 from coaching swimming and tennis at the College of New Jersey, formerly Trenton State. She is now living in Kure Beach, N.C.

F. Mac Sherrill has joined Randolph Bank & Trust Company as commercial banking manager and vice president.

1966 Glenn A. Morrison is the recipient of Newton-Conover Rotary Club's 2003 Vocational Service Award. Glenn is the mayor of Claremont, N.C.

Judy Kluttz Sink was awarded the Distinguished Alumna Award from Appalachian State University in October of 2002.

1967 Faith Anderson Ashton received the L-R Board of Trustees Community Service Award for her service to the N.C. Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

1968 David L. Sparks has been named chief executive officer of Capital Concepts.

Brookie Smith Dorosko is an English instructor at Cape Fear Community College. She is also the editor of a magazine, "Focus on the Coast," which is a shopping and dining directory for the Wilmington/Wrightsville Beach area.

1969 Jo Ann Jackson Wells was the keynote speaker at the 81st General Assembly of the National Society of Daughters of American Colonists in Washington, D.C.

D. Thomas Ford Jr. has been named executive director of Lutheran Social Services of Northeast Florida Inc. in Jacksonville, Fla.

1970 Chris Ripple received a master of arts degree in liberal studies from Wake Forest University in May 2003.

1973 30-Year Class Reunion during Homecoming Oct. 24-25, 2003.



Members of the Class of 1943 held a reunion during Alumni Weekend at the home of the president. Those present for the reunion included Mabel Hoke Shue, the Rev. Edgar M. Cooper, Frances Rhyne Daily, Grady Jay Shepherd, Mary Gladys Fisher Poovey, Catherine Richter Shepherd, Gladys Boggs Bernhardt and Robert Mauney.

Alan King was promoted to assistant superintendent for instruction and accountability at Rowan-Salisbury Schools.

1974 Married Beverly Teague and Edward Bryant on Sept. 8, 2002. Beverly is self-employed as an attorney and Edward is employed by Fairfield Chair. The couple resides in Hickory.

1975 Yolanda Shimpock relocated to her hometown of Kanapolis following the death of her husband, Earl, and has opened Celestial Glasworks – a stained and leaded glass company. Yolanda is now married to T. Michael Combs.

1976 Dan Green has joined the Hickory law firm of Gorham, Crone & Mace.

1977 Married Mac Crudup and Vanessa Gillespie on Aug. 31, 2002. They reside in Charlotte.

Sherry Austin and Grant P Harrold on May 25, 2002. Grant is a retired police officer now employed by Security Forces Inc. Sherry is employed by Kincaid Furniture Company in Hudson as a computer programmer. The couple lives in Lenoir.

1978 25-Year Class Reunion during Homecoming Oct. 24-25, 2003.

Jeanne Mauney has taken a new position with Aramark Food Services as controller at Duke Uni-

versity Hospital and moved from Strongsville, Ohio, to Durham.

1979 Dr. Miriam Adderholdt recently addressed the problem of perfectionism at the 30th annual N.C. Association for the Gifted and Talented/Parents for Advancement of Gifted Education Convention. The presentation was based on her book "Perfectionism: What's Bad About Being Too Good," which was recently reprinted by Editorial Pax Mexico and is now available in Spanish.

Sharon Johnson Myers met the National Board for Professional Teaching standards in Adolescence and Young Adulthood/Social Studies History 2001-2002. She currently teaches at East Davidson High School in Thomasville and serves as Department Chair of Social Studies and Beta Club sponsor.

Virginia Moss "Ginger" Minshew is this year's recipient of The Washington Post Educational Leadership Award. Ginger is principal of Farmwell Station Middle School in Virginia and is also Loudoun County's Principal of the Year.

Baby Bear
To Steve and **Natalie Jones Foster** of Reidsville, an adopted son, Caleb, in February of 2002. Natalie has retired from teaching to be a mom and farmer. She and Steve have a small garlic and herb farm.

1980 Kim Zeise Neel is now fully licensed in all kinds of insurance. She is currently employed by South Carolina Farm Bureau licensed throughout the

state, and located in Richland County.

1982 Bruce A. Efird was promoted to executive vice president and general manager of Bruno's Supermarkets in Birmingham, Ala.

Baby Bear
To **Sarah "Say" Sink** and Shane Iwaniec of Burlington, a daughter, Scerra JoAnn, on Aug. 11, 2002. She joined brother, Syan James, 6. Say earned a master's degree in Library and Information Studies from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in December 2001, and has a position as librarian/media specialist at Turrentine Middle School in Burlington.

1983 20-Year Class Reunion during Homecoming Oct. 24-25, 2003

Julie Roberts Styers was awarded the 2003 Wachovia Ben Craig Award for Outstanding Educators in May. Julie is employed by Newton-Conover City Schools.

Jeffrey T. Jones has been granted a license to practice law in North Carolina. His practice is still based in Charleston, W.Va.

Baby Bears
To Marshall and **Mary Jane Lawson Locke** of Miami, Fla., two adopted sons in 2002, Marshall, 10, and Andrew Logan, 8.

To **Danny** and Janette **Warner** of Trout Valley, Ill, a son, Jack Benter, on Oct. 7, 1999, and a daughter, Ava Saye, on May 27, 2001.

1984 Patty Blackwell was recently presented with an award from the Southeastern Association of Housing Officers for meritorious service to the students and housing organization of Meredith College.

1986 Married Phyllis Anzelett Miller and Brad Edward Settlemire on May 3. Phyllis is employed as a second-grade teacher at Valmead School. Brad is employed by Shurtape Technologies of Hickory in quality control. They reside in Hickory.

Cyrus Field Frazier III and Elizabeth Tucker Newman on May 17. Rusty is employed by Wilson & Iseman L.L.P. in Winston-Salem. Elizabeth is employed by Craige, Brawley, Lippert and Walker. The couple resides in Winston-Salem.

Make a commitment to L-R this year

By Jeff Jones '83
Alumni Association President



Jones

Hi, I'm **Jeff Jones '83** and I am your new Alumni Association president. I am proud and honored to serve you this year! In each issue of Profile, I will write a column to keep you up to date on the things that are going on in the association.

Let me share just a little bit of my background. I am a native of West Virginia and now live in Charleston, W.Va., with my wife, Tammy, and children, Alex, 8, and Hannah, 5. After graduating from Lenoir-Rhyne, I received my law degree from West Virginia University in 1986. I own my own law firm and was recently granted the privilege of practicing law in North Carolina. I currently practice law in Charleston, W. Va.

I previously served two, three-year terms on the Alumni Association Board of Directors and also served this past year as president-elect under **Ann Dasher Hendrix '82**. We all owe a debt of gratitude to Ann for the hard work she put in last year. She was involved in many decisions that will shape Lenoir-Rhyne for years to come. In fact, she was in Hickory so many times that they have a suite named for her at the Courtyard by Marriott.

This year, my watchword is "commitment." I have made a vow to commit myself to make this the best year ever for the Alumni Association. I also want that commitment from you.

You may be asking yourself how you can do that. Easy! If you are asked to do something for L-R, you are going to say yes! For our association to prosper, we need the help and involvement of all our alumni because we (the association) are only as good as the people who are involved.

For instance, if you get an invitation to a local chapter event, make an effort to go. In fact, call another area alum and encourage him or her to go too. Most people do not go to these events because they are afraid they won't know anyone and will have no one to talk to. If you bring a friend, you have just solved that problem!

If a group like the A Cappella Choir is in your area perform-



New roles on Alumni Board

Individuals taking on new roles this year with the Alumni Board are (left to right): Jeff Jones, president; J.T. Putnam, board member; Jen Tice, board member; Autumn Kennedy, board member; Jeff Cook, board member; Bill Rhyne, president-elect; and Sam Temple, board member. Not pictured are Judy Sink and John Hall, vice presidents; and Blake Graeber, board member.

ing, make an effort to attend. Afterward, go up to the students and let them know how much you enjoyed their performance, or send them a note later.

If you live in the Hickory area, make a point to attend at least one campus function this year, whether it is a play, a sporting event or a concert. Get back to campus!

When you get a request for a donation to the Annual Fund, please give. The number of donors we have is just as important as the money we raise. In fact, the grant Lenoir-Rhyne received from the Kresge Foundation to help build the McCrorie Center was directly tied to the number of Annual Fund donors we had. So you see, your gift does help — no matter what the size!

These are just a few examples of how you, too, can make a commitment to L-R this year. I'm sure you can think of other ways.

I urge you to contact the Alumni Association if you have any questions or want to become more involved. In fact, if you have any questions or ideas for me, send them in care of the Alumni Association and I will answer.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at Homecoming '03. I'm especially looking forward to seeing my classmates at our 20-year class reunion. Until next time, go Bears!

Baby Bear

To Chris and **Kay Ledbetter Willis** of Hickory, a daughter, Elizabeth Leigh, on June 5. Kay is a kindergarten teacher and was chosen 2002-2003 "Teacher of the Year" at Taylorsville Elementary School. Chris is employed as manager of Television and Appliance Warranties in Hickory.

1987 Sharon Houston Clark was honored as 2002 N.C. Elementary Counselor of the Year. She is employed by Catawba County Schools.

Jimmy Fletcher is the new head football

coach at West Brunswick High School.

Baby Bears

To Curtis and **Stephanie Talbot Fuhrmannek** of Lake Worth, Fla., two adopted daughters, Rachel Christine, 2, and Anna Grace, 1. Stephanie is changing careers and is pursuing a masters in elementary education at Palm Beach Atlantic University. Curtis is a senior technical trainer with Mitel Networks Inc.

1988 Anita Howell Roberts was selected Burke County Public Schools' Secondary Counselor of the Year.

Baby Bear

To **T. Kelly** and **Carol Blume '89 Everhart** of Salisbury, a daughter, Anna Claire, on March 12. Carol is now a stay-at-home mom, and Kelly is a teacher/coach.

1989 Baby Bears

To **Lee** and **Jimi Krondon Pugh** of Hickory, a son, Carson Lee, on Feb. 19. Proud grandparents are **Joyce '61** and **Clarence '62 Pugh**.

To Kevin and **Jennifer Marshall Inman** of Hickory, a daughter, Sophie Grae on April 27. She joins big sister, Olivia, 2.

To **Jerry** and **Gretchen Best** of Gastonia, a daughter, Nicole Emaline, on Dec. 4, 2002.

To **Chuck** and **Sandra Jones '90 Floyd** of Connelly Springs, a son, Spencer Riley, on March 21. Sandra is employed as a registered nurse at Catawba Valley Medical Center, and Chuck is a sales representative with Medline Industries.

To **William** and **Carolyn Canfield '91 McDonald** of Athens, Tenn., a daughter, Grace Elizabeth, on November 25, 2002. Proud big brothers are Trevor, Luke and Samuel.

The Ripple Effect

The Ripple Effect" was a phrase used to describe what happened to the Lenoir-Rhyne football team when **Klynt Ripple '40**, an outstanding defensive football player, took to the field. Today, Klynt Ripple has created a new "Ripple Effect." He and his wife, **Frances**, established a \$1 million charitable remainder unitrust, 50 percent of which will ultimately be used by Lenoir-Rhyne to create an endowment.

Unfortunately, Frances Ripple died shortly after the trust was established. Klynt Ripple has been a longtime leader at his alma mater. In his student days, he was a sports standout who was voted Most Athletic Senior. He was inducted into the L-R Sports Hall of Fame in 1979. He has served more than 50 years on the Board of Trustees of the Piedmont Educational Foundation and is now an honorary life member. He is a former president of this board and served many years on the Hall of Fame Selection Committee.

He served as president of the L-R Alumni Association for two years. For its first three years, he was the chair of the Loyalty Fund, the predecessor of the current Annual Fund. In 1961 and 1981 he received the Lenoir-Rhyne College Service Award in recognition of his leadership and service to the Alumni Association.

Two of the Ripples' three children are L-R graduates — **Chris Ripple '70** and **Betsy Ripple Cook '75** — as well as a grandson, **Bryan Ripple '95**, who followed in his father's and grandfather's footsteps by playing football for the Bears. Before his retirement, Klynt Ripple was president and treasurer for 55 years of Welcome Milling Co., a flour and feed mill located near Lexington and started by his father in 1917.

The Ripples have a long history of giving to L-R, which has been extended through estate planning. They established a \$1 million charitable remainder unitrust using a tract of timber-



Klynt and Frances Ripple

land to fund it. With a charitable remainder unitrust (CRT), all proceeds from the sale of the asset stay in the trust, and an income is drawn from the total amount. If the Ripples had sold the land, the profits would have been subject to capital gains tax, reducing the value of the asset by at least one-fourth.

The procedure for establishing a unitrust is not complicated, but does require professional legal help. The trust is established and an asset is placed into the trust. The trust then sells the asset and no capital gains taxes are paid. The Ripples decided that the proceeds of their CRT would be split evenly between Lenoir-Rhyne College and the Methodist Church. First United Methodist Church of Lexington, N.C., and Arbor Acres in Winston-Salem, a ministry of the United Methodist Church, will each receive one-fourth of the trust proceeds.

The trust is designed to pay an income for 20 years. Klynt Ripple will continue to receive this income during this time. If he dies within that time frame, his children will receive the money until that period is completed. After that, the funds will go to the charities named.

Ripple said, "It's a win-win situation; we were able to convert a non-income producing asset into a trust that will generate income for our family and, at the end of 20 years, distribute the remainder to three charities that mean a great deal to all of us."

He added, "L-R has been a presence in my life since 1936. Even when I was on my honeymoon in 1946, I came through campus to show it off and to introduce my wife to everyone. Frances and I have always gone to everything on campus, especially the athletic events and class reunions. Even though she was a graduate of Catawba College, she came to love L-R as much as I do."

For information on how to include Lenoir-Rhyne College in your estate plans, contact **Rich Duncan** at (828) 328-7339 or by e-mail at duncanr@lrc.edu. ■

1990 Heidi Sommers graduated from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill's 14-month option bachelor of science in nursing program in August of 2002. She is employed as a registered nurse at University of North Carolina Children's Hospital on the hematology/oncology floor.

Janet Wilmoth presented "Longitudinal Assessment of Race and Ethnic Differences in Depression among Pre-Retirement and Retirement-Age Hispanic, African American, and Caucasian Older Adults," "The Effect of Residential Relocation on Self-Rated Health," and "Prognostic

Validity of Physician Evaluations of Obesity" at the Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting in Boston. She was also recently appointed to the Editorial Board of the Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences.

Steve Eury has relocated to Basel, Switzerland, with his wife **Joyce Prevatt Eury '91** and children Quinn, 5, and Adam, 3.

Heidi Von Dohlen accepted a position with the Department of Defense Dependents Schools and is teaching Spanish and English as a second language at Misawa Air Base in Misawa, Japan.

Baby Bears

To Matthew and **Glynnis George Engwall** of Mebane, a daughter, Eiona Siore, on June 28, 2002.

To Mark and **Julia Smith Wilhelm** of Charlotte, a son, Erik Daniel, on July 22, 2001. He joined big sister Katharine, 5. Mark is pastor at Incarnation Lutheran Church and Julia teaches music lessons and is a stay-at-home mom.

1991 Jeff Curtis of North Wilkesboro has been promoted to senior accountant at Lowes Companies Inc.

Martin Frederick Klein left the Army

after 11 years of service to pursue a marketing position as a brand manager at Kraft Foods Inc. in Chicago.

Karin Crabill Quinnan is employed by Georgetown University Hospital as administrator of pathology.

Linda Costner was named Employee of the Month at W.A. Young Elementary School in March. Linda is a first-grade teacher.

Shannon and **Corne Stone** lived in South Africa and Ireland before settling back into the United States. They have a daughter, Micah, 4. Shannon was employed by Aer Lingus.

Troy Kassab '03 takes long path to reach goals

Troy Kassab '03 has taken a long path to reach his goals, but he is nearer now than ever before.

Kassab, 28, is enrolled in Wake Forest University's physician assistant program after earning a bachelor's degree from L-R in biology. It wasn't always obvious that he would be successful. He dropped out of high school and earned a GED by attending night school.



Kassab

Deciding he needed a new direction in life, he joined the Army. At first he was told he could only enlist as a cook. However, after scoring well on an aptitude test, he was given a choice of careers and chose to become a combat medical specialist.

In 1995, he received a hardship discharge from the military because his mother was suffering with liver cancer and he had a younger brother who was still a minor.

Kassab helped raise his brother while holding down a series of jobs. He also became certified as an emergency medical technician so he could use his military training in a civilian job. Pursing his interest in emergency medicine, he enrolled at Catawba Valley Community College's paramedic training program. Although he made straight A's at the community college, Kassab again decided to change directions.

In 1999, he enrolled in Lenoir-Rhyne College's physician assistant program. This program involved three years of education at L-R and two more years at Wake Forest University. Unfortunately, the transfer agreement was

discontinued when Wake Forest decided to make its program a master's degree.

By this time, Kassab was married and had a child. However, he switched to biology with the goal of completing his undergraduate degree at L-R and enrolling in a graduate physician assistant program.

Kassab usually worked two part-time jobs while at L-R and also received several grants and scholarships. He also continued to volunteer with the local rescue squad.

"I have a wonderful wife," he said. "She has worked hard to keep things running." His wife, **Andrea**, is a certified massage therapist. Their son, **Andrew**, is 5 years old.

Despite these obligations, he was able to maintain excellent grades, being named to the President's List many times. Because of his academic record, he was invited to participate in the L-R Honors Program. For his senior honors thesis, he conducted independent research about box turtles.

Kassab tracked the turtles living in Riverbend Park in Hickory by attaching a bobbin of thread to their shells. Each day he would follow the threads to determine where the turtles had been. "The turtles go slow," he explained. "They don't wear a watch." This spring, he presented his research at the N.C. Academy of Science, where he received first place in animal ecology. His research indicated the turtles are drastically affected by relative humidity and temperature. The recent drought has had an adverse effect on them, he concluded.

After graduation in May, Kassab and his family moved to Winston-Salem so he could complete the two-year P.A. program at Wake Forest. The first year is mostly class-work, he explained. The second year involves a lot of practical experience.

Kassab said he isn't sure which of many specialties he might enter as a physician's assistant. "It's dawned on me the whole world is open to me," he said. ■

Wendy Smith Haas received a master of arts degree in elementary education/early childhood education from Ball State University this past spring. She is currently an instructor in the early childhood education program at Ivy Tech State College in Indiana. **Chip** is still the technical director/sound supervisor at Ball State University for the Department of Theatre and Dance.

Kara Kay Presnell was accepted into the doctoral program in mass communications at Regent University in Virginia Beach, Va., for the fall 2003 term. It is a distance-learning program, which she will be completing from Hickory. Kara was also inducted into the Hickory Junior Women's Club on May 5.

Baby Bears
To Duke and **Susan Curtin Heinz** of

Huntingdon Valley, Pa., a son, William Curt, on Feb. 22. He weighed in at 11 lb. 7 oz. and is looking forward to playing defensive line for the Bears one day.

To Kevin and **Lisa Beaty Coley** of Horse Shoe, a daughter, Lauren Brianna, on Jan. 29. She joins big brothers, Landon, 3, and Ethan, 2.

To Warren and **Kate Kautz Boyer** of White Plains, Md., a son, Patrick Jacob, on March 9. He joins big brother, Thomas, 2.

1992 Paula Dawson Bandi is a teacher at Wesley Chapel High School in Florida.

Baby Bears
To Philip and **Mickie Herman Wurz** of Conover, a son, Christopher James,

on July 15, 2002. He joins brothers, Jonathan, 7, and Jordan, 5.

To **Ernie** and **Karen Friberg Ceccato** of Hickory, a son, Patrick John, on Nov. 17, 2002. He joins big brothers, Christian, 5, and Grant, 3.

To Philip and **Nancy Herman Risch** of Newton, a son, Braxton Alexander, on March 19.

To Stuart and **Christy Gregg Hoeke** of Chuckey, Tenn., a son, Benjamin Pierce, on May 24, 2002. Christy has founded TADA (The Academy of Dramatic Arts) in Greeneville. She teaches private acting lessons to students in grades K-12.

1993
10-Year Class Reunion during Homecoming Oct. 24-25, 2003.

Craig Ratchford has been promoted to national sales/division manager for the Cemplant Division of James Hardie Inc. The family has moved to Orange County, Calif. Joanie is a full-time mother for Jason, 3, and Hollie, 1.

Dale Bandi has accepted the position of plant manager with Munters Corp. in Fort Myers, Fla.

Chris Stevenson and **Rob Taylor** ran the Disney Marathon in January. It was the first marathon for both. They ran it in just under five hours.

Lee Pearce completed his master's degree in health administration at the University of Alabama at Birmingham in August of 2002. He has been named director of outpatient clinics for the Birmingham VA Medical Center.

Brad Lawing '79 coaching at Carolina

Brad Lawing '79, a native of Hickory, was recently named defensive line coach and recruiting coordinator for the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

"It was a great opportunity," he said. "There are a lot of positives with the Carolina job. I also wanted to move closer to home."

Immediately before taking his current job, Lawing, 45, served as defensive line coach and recruiting coordinator at Michigan State for four seasons. During his tenure there, the Spartans led the Big Ten in total defense during the 1999 and 2000 regular seasons. The 2000 recruiting class at Michigan State was ranked among the nation's top 10 by several publications.

From 1989 to 1998, he served as defensive line coach and recruiting coordinator for the University of South Carolina. He began his college coaching career at Appalachian State University, where he coached defensive line for five years and tight ends and offensive tackles one season.

"I knew that I wanted to be a coach before I ever got to college," said Lawing, who grew up playing football and baseball. He is a graduate of St. Stephen's High School in Hickory. Lawing was a linebacker for the L-R Bears and graduated with a health and physical education major. He later earned a master's degree in educational administration from Appalachian State University.

Immediately after graduation, he spent three years as assistant coach at Havelock (N.C.) High School. He also coached baseball for two years, leading his team to the state finals in 1983. Lawing said he and his wife, **Laura Sloan Lawing '77**, were happy at Havelock, but he knew he wanted to coach on the college level. "Coach Mack Brown gave me an opportunity at Appalachian State," he said.

Since that time, Lawing has helped many young players achieve their dreams. A number of them have made it to the NFL, including Julian Peterson, Robaire Smith and Josh Shaw.

"I've been very fortunate," Lawing said. He added that he looks forward to helping the Carolina football team reach its full potential.

Lawing and his wife have two children, **Susie**, 19, and **Will**, 17. ■



The Rev. William G. Linn Fisher was promoted to Captain in the United States Air Force. Linn is a chaplain currently stationed at Shaw Air Force Base, Sumter, S.C.

Married
Jennifer Rusnak and Paul Anderson on Jan. 18.

Baby Bears
To **David** and Heidi **Young** of Cincinnati, a son, Noah David, on April 13.

To Marc and **Kirstin Salminen Wilner** of Hawthorne, N.J., a daughter, Danica Louise, on July 27, 2002. She joins big sister, Annalise Katherine, 4.

To **Mark** and Wendy **Tucker** of Pilot Mountain, a daughter, Hadly Grey, on April 1. Hadly joins big sister, Avery Frances, 19 months.

To **Mark** and Rhonda **Davis** of Palmyra, Va., a son, Luke Randall, on June 10.

1994 **Julie Davis Pearce** has been named a partner in the law firm of Gaines, Wolter & Kinney P.C. in Birmingham, Ala. She continues to practice in the areas of insurance defense and corporate litigation with an emphasis on commercial liability defense.

Baby Bears
To **Jeffrey** and **Leigh-Anne Jones '95 Boggs** of Hickory, a son, Clayton James, on April 27.

To Brian and **Debbie Anthony Flanigan** of Apex, a daughter, Riley Ann, on Sept. 13, 2002.

To Craig and **Marianne Roberts Reiman** of Denver, N.C., a daughter, Brooke Lee, on Oct. 5, 2002.

To **Chris** and **Kathryn Crook '95 Duncan** of Sylacauga, Ala., a daughter, Ashley Brooke, on May 6. Kathryn completed her education specialist degree in school psychology from the University of Alabama at Birmingham in December.

1995 **The Rev. Jeff Kautz** has been ordained and is serving as the minister of family ministries at Victory Baptist Church in Seagrove, N.C. He and his wife, Jodi, have one son, Caleb.

John Andrews is director of marketing for Implus Corp. in Raleigh. Implus is a manufacturer in the foot care/shoe care marketplace.

Married
Gerald Allann Hyde and Heidi Lee Brown on Nov. 15, 2002. Gerald is employed by Western Piedmont

Community College as controller. Heidi is employed by East Burke High School as an English teacher.

Baby Bears
To Anthony and **Holly Seibert Shipley**, a daughter, Elizabeth Mae, on Nov. 28, 2002. The family has relocated to Glenford, Ohio. Holly is a teacher and Anthony is a stay-at-home dad.

To **Jay** and Julie **Jacob** of Austin, Texas, a son, Benjamin Giust, on Feb. 18.

1996 **Rebecca Smith Padilla** is a registered nurse at Duke University Medical Center in the operating room.

Baby Bears
To Keith and **Amanda Munz Peterson** of Lakeland, Fla., a daughter, Skylar

Mackenzie, on Feb. 16. Amanda is a home-based case law editor for Lexis Nexis. Keith is a criminal defense and family law attorney for Gil Colon Jr. and Associates.

To Anthony and **Robin Loudermelk Fairchild** of Taylorsville, a daughter, Macy Olivia, on Dec. 26, 2002. Robin successfully completed CMA exam in November of 2002.

To **Dwayn** and **Margy Greenlee '97 Butterfield** of Newton, three adopted children, Wesley Charles, 9, Mitchell Lee, 5, and Andrew Donald, 18 months, in May of 2002. Margy is a music teacher with Catawba County Schools.

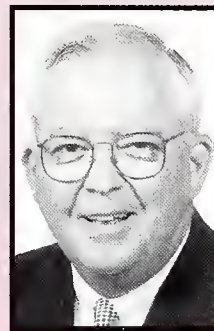
1997 Kelley O'Brien was elected to the Executive Board of Rivers Alive for the state of Georgia. She works on the Governor's Water Messaging Task Force. Kelley serves on many public relations committees. She recently won the 2002 Aurora Award for development of the Clean Water Campaign public service announcement.

Maureen Ann McNally is regional sales manager for CEM Corp. in Charlotte.

Amy Prestwood Eller became a licensed professional counselor and a national certified counselor in December 2002.

John David Moose '59 Inducted into Hall of Fame

John David Moose '59, chair of the Lenoir-Rhyne College Board of Trustees, was recently inducted into the Stanly County Sports Hall of Fame. Moose played on four conference football championship teams at Albemarle High School (1952-55) and on four conference championship teams at Lenoir-Rhyne College (1955-59). In high school, he was co-captain on the Bulldog team in 1954. Under coach **Toby Webb**, the Bulldogs won 29 straight games from 1952 to 1954.



Moose

He then enrolled at L-R and joined a football team that had 48 wins, one loss and one tie in a five-year span. In 1958, he became captain of the team. In 2000, he was inducted into the L-R Sports Hall of Fame.

After graduation, Moose joined Collins & Aikman in 1960. He advanced from salesman; to vice president of marketing, automotive products; to president of the North American Automotive Group. He served as president of the Automotive Fabrics International Group from 1994 to 1998.

Moose has filled many leadership roles at his alma mater, serving on the College's Board of Visitors and the Piedmont Educational Foundation/Bears Club Board. In 1984, he and his wife, **Sandy**, established an annual football scholarship in memory of their son, **David A. Moose**, who was captain-elect of the 1984 L-R football team. They also gave generously to the recent McCrorie Center project. The head football coach's office in that building is named in their honor. ■

Baby Bears

To **Charles** and Heather **Williams** of Hickory, a daughter, Lillian Grace, in August of 2002. Charles was selected as the 2002-2003 Teacher of the Year.

To **Alex** and Jenny **Hoffner** of Brunswick, Ga., a son, Andrew Jacob, on Dec. 18, 2002. Alex is the pastor of St. James Lutheran Church in Brunswick, Ga., and chaplain for the International Seafarers' Center, also in Brunswick.

To **Charlie** and Robin **Church** of Granite Falls, a daughter, Mollie Grace, on May 8.

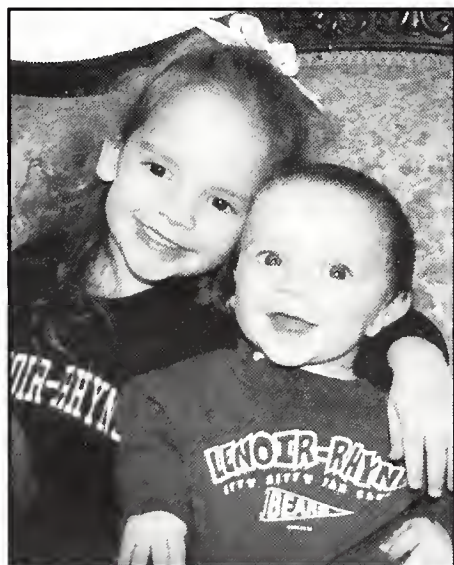
1998

5-Year Class Reunion during Homecoming Oct. 24-25, 2003.

Robert G. LaMontagne recently graduated from Ohio Northern's Pettit College of Law at Ohio Northern University. He received the degree of juris doctor.

Jon L. Porter has been promoted to Broyhill Occasional representative for northern Florida and southern Ga.

Denise Edwards Wright was named 2002-2003 Elementary Counselor of the Year. She also received the L-



Madeline, 3, and Sam, 8 months, show their Bear pride. They are the children of Sally Rhyne Davis '91 and Wendell Davis.

You may submit class notes on-line at: www.lrc.edu or by mail at:
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P.O. Box 7228
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FAX (828) 328-7358
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Submit Your Class Notes!

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Name of child _____ Date _____

Occupation: Self _____ Spouse _____

Death of _____ Date _____ Class Year _____

Other news:

Triplets enliven Bartlett household

There aren't many quiet moments in the Bartlett household. In 1996, "Profile" introduced its readers to **Wayne '93** and **Toni Bartlett**, who had just had triplets. The three girls made for quite a houseful, considering there were already two boys in the family.

Both parents are nurses. Toni earned her associate's degree in nursing and was followed by her husband, who transferred from Western Piedmont Community College in Morganton to complete his bachelor's degree at L-R. At the time they discovered they would be having triplets, Wayne was about to enter the full-time master's degree program in nurse anesthesia at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte.

Because of their medical background, the Bartletts were a little concerned about the complications that are possible with multiple births. Fortunately, everything went well with the delivery of the triplets, who were born by Cesarean section about five weeks early. Today, many multiple births are the result of fertility drugs, but in the Bartletts' case, the triplets were an unexpected bonus. What's even more unusual, they are identical.

"Those were two very interesting years," Wayne said about the time he was in graduate school as Toni stayed home with the children. After two years of hard work, Wayne received his master's degree. He is now employed as the chief nurse anesthetist at Caldwell Memorial Hospital.

He explained that a nurse anesthetist can perform any of the duties of an anesthesiologist, who is a medical doctor. Wayne said his hospital employs both types of specialists. The anesthesiologist usually interviews the patient before a surgery or other procedure and prescribes the drugs to be used. The nurse anesthetists typically administer the drugs before and during surgery.

Toni is a stay-at-home mom who is an active volunteer with the Caldwell County schools. The three Bartlett girls are healthy and energetic 7-year-olds who are about to enter second grade. Lillian Elizabeth, Haley Nicole and Savannah Jaid have red hair and blue eyes. They enjoy cheerleading, dance and soccer and are learning to ski.

Wayne said they usually dress the girls differently and recognize that each has her own personality. However, they can create confusion when they dress alike. For instance, when they started first grade, they were each assigned to a different class. On the last day of school, they pulled a prank by switching classes. Most of their classmates were in on the joke, but only one teacher figured it out.

The Bartletts stay on the go as they take all five children to various activities. The three girls are all on the same soccer team, so their parents use different color hair bows to tell them apart on the field. Their brothers, Audie, 12, and Forrest, 10, are on different teams.

The Bartletts' experience with Lenoir-Rhyne was so positive that Toni convinced her sister **Nikki Curtis '03** to earn her nursing degree at the College. This spring, the entire family came to see Nikki participate in the nurses' dedication service. The Bartletts were quickly surrounded by faculty members who wanted to see the triplets.

Wayne said he is happy with the way his life is going now. "I don't think I have a single thing to complain about," he said.



R Alumni Counselor of Excellence Award in 2003.

Gwen D. Schott is director of community relations with ALFA.

Baby Bears

To **Gregory** and **Julianne Bowman '99 Kaye** of Easley, S.C., a son, Camden James, on April 29. Julianne is a teacher at Spearman Elementary School in Piedmont, S.C.

To **Leslie** and **Alyssa Pitts Stewart** of Cleveland Tenn., a son, Connor Jacob, on Dec. 3, 2002. He joins big brother, William Rhodes, 2. Les is still with US Smokeless Tobacco and

Alyssa is the director of the Pre-K Academy at Broad Street UMC.

1999 Charmion Smith Frizzell is the Rutherford College Elementary 2002-2003 Teacher of the Year. Charmion teaches kindergarten.

2000 Angela Hope is the executive assistant for U.S. Rep. Harold Rogers, chairman for the Homeland Security Appropriations Sub-Committee.

Danielle Mull has been promoted to human resource/manufacturing assistant with Carolina Container Company in Hickory.

Married

William Blaine Reeves and Jayme Elizabeth Haithcox on March 22. William is employed by Metromont Materials as an outside sales representative. Jayme is employed by Lake Norman Pediatrics as a medical assistant. The couple lives in Statesville.

2001 Josh Lovell is a regional representative for Taylor Publishing in Wilmington, N.C.

Elizabeth "Brooke" Huffman received a masters in social work from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill in May of 2003.

David Day is the new minister of music and students at Cherryville's First Baptist Church.

Married

Bria Layne Worthington and Jeremy Jason Hill on Dec. 7, 2002. Bria is employed by Peebles Dept. Store as the manager. Jeremy is self-employed with Hill Dairy Farm. The couple lives in Statesville.

Hollie Diane Kistler and Dennis G. Black Jr. on May 10. Hollie is employed by H.O.P.E. Homes Professional Inc. Dennis is employed by Utiliquet. The couple resides in Vale.

L-R alums meet on ocean platform

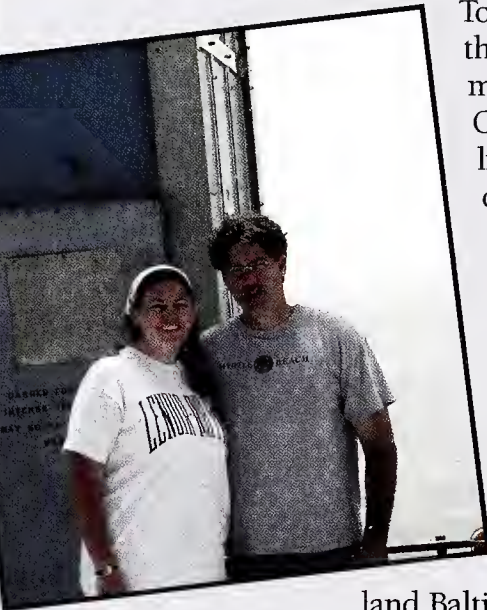
What are the odds that two Lenoir-Rhyne alums would meet on an ocean platform in the Atlantic Ocean while they were working on a NASA research project?

Ask **Ken Rutledge '78**, senior scientist with Analytical Services and Materials, a NASA contractor. He is a statistician by occupation. He earned a double major in environmental studies and biology from L-R. He later received a master's degree in marine biology and biostatistics from Old Dominion University.

Rutledge has been working on NASA projects since 1985. Now he is supervising a project related to the global climate that verifies information from an earth research satellite called Aqua.

To verify the data collected by the satellite, NASA sets up monitoring stations on earth. One of those is an 85' by 85' lighthouse anchored 14 miles off the Norfolk, Va., coast.

As unlikely as it might seem, that is where he ran into **Michele McCourt '99**, a fellow Lenoir-Rhyne alum. McCourt double majored in physics and math at L-R. She later earned a master's degree in atmospheric physics from the University of Maryland Baltimore County. She is currently working on a doctorate in the same field from the same university and hopes to graduate in May 2005.



ly working on a doctorate in the same field from the same university and hopes to graduate in May 2005.

She and several other graduate students are participating in the NASA research project on the ocean platform. One of her professors actually discovered that she and Rutledge were both L-R alumni.

McCourt said she came to Lenoir-Rhyne initially planning to major in secondary education. "Math, I'd always been good at," she said. "Physics has always been a male-dominated thing." She said she first decided to major in physics just to prove she could do it. Then she came to realize she liked it.

When she finishes her Ph.D., she hopes to teach at a small, liberal arts college like Lenoir-Rhyne. She plans to continue her research into atmospheric physics by analyzing data downloaded from satellites.

Rutledge explained that the current project is called CERES, which stands for Clouds and Earth's Radiant Energy System. Its goal is to help scientists understand how clouds affect climate. The biggest challenge to climatologists is to understand how clouds transmit, reflect or absorb the sun's energy. This research could help them better predict long-term changes in the earth's climate and to help determine if man is influencing climate. The data verification is done at sea because the surface of the ocean is relatively flat and uniform.

Although doing field research might sound glamorous, McCourt said her current project involves difficult working conditions. Researchers are on the lighthouse platform for up to two weeks. They take weather readings when the Aqua satellite passes overhead, at 2 a.m. and 2 p.m. They actually work from noon to 4 p.m. and from midnight to 4 a.m. There isn't much to do the rest of the time, she said, except read, sleep and surf the Internet. (The college students do have cell phones and Internet access.) "I got a good tan," she said.

Baby Bear

To David and **Ailisa Willis Green** of Pacolet, S.C., a son, Jonathan Reed, on May 21. Ailisa is employed by Dearybury Oil and Gas Inc. in Spartanburg. David is employed by Lowe's Home Improvement.

David Howard Yoder will be pursuing a doctorate in economics at North Carolina State University starting this fall. **Kristin Kolster Yoder** will be teaching fourth grade at Bugg Elementary Magnet School for the Arts and Sciences in Raleigh.

2002 Jackie Hanselman is living in Naples, Fla., and is employed with a new television show (MUSCA TV) and production company. The show aired this summer on the UPN. It is a variety show featuring exotic locations and intriguing people.

Married
Mandi Ligatti and Michael McEntyre on Oct. 12, 2002. They are residing in Richmond, Va.

Summer Sheree Huneycutt is attending graduate school at University of North Carolina-Charlotte, in the masters of social work program.

Samantha Erbaugh and **Wes Tucker '00** on Sept. 14, 2002. Samantha is completing her master's degree in professional communications at Clemson University. Wes is a safety engineer with Robins and Morten, a construction company in Spartanburg, S.C., specializing in health care facilities. The couple resides in Easley, S.C.

Marissa Crane is a case manager with ALFA.

Class Notes is an opportunity for alumni to keep the College community informed about important events in their lives. We encourage you to communicate your news to us via mail or e-mail. Because space is always at a premium, we unfortunately cannot guarantee that your news item will appear or that it will appear as you wrote it. We reserve the right to edit your news as necessary for reasons of space or appropriateness and in an effort to include as many people as possible.



A long tradition

William Alexander "Kelly" Teem '03 (seated in middle) carries on a long family connection to Lenoir-Rhyne that was established when his great-great grandfather **John Jacob George** graduated from the College in 1893. Shown with Teem are (standing) his mother, **Faith Farris Teem** and brother **Martin C. Teem**. Seated are his grandfather **Martin I. Teem** and brother **Carl H. Teem**. Carl is wearing a beanie worn by his other grandfather, **Clyde Augustus Farris Jr. '44** when he was a student at the College. His great grandparents **Melba Kern George Farris** and **Clyde Augustus Farris Sr. '23** also graduated from the College. Many other relatives are also Lenoir-Rhyne alumni.



Homecoming 2003

Celebrating Traditions. Embracing Tomorrow.

Thursday, October 23

8 pm Belk Centrum

Reading by Visiting Writer Kathy Reichs

Friday, October 24

8 am / 1 pm

Hanley Painter Bear Memorial Golf

Tournament – Catawba Springs Country Club

For entry form and more information, contact the Bears Club at 828/328-7130.

5:30-7 pm

Welcome to Campus Reception – President's Home

Dr. & Mrs. Wayne Powell extend an invitation to all reunion classes and groups for a casual, drop-in reception at the President's home.

7:30 pm

Piedmont Education Foundation / Bears Club Homecoming Gala - Lake Hickory Country Club

8 pm

Friends of Music Concert Series – St. Luke's Methodist Church

Features prominent composer Coleridge Taylor Perkinson and the L-R College Singers.

Saturday, October 25

8 am

Alumni Band Rehearsal/Breakfast – Mauney Music Building

9 am

Class of 2003 Column Dedication – Cul-de-sac near Mauney Music

9 am – Noon

Registration – Cromer Center Lobby

Join us for refreshments, register with your class, pick up your free Alumni Association membership card for on-campus discounts, and much more.

Golden Bears Hospitality Room – Cromer Fireside Room

9 – 10:30 am

Alumni Career Connections Hospitality Tent – Alumni House front lawn

Stop by for refreshments, watch the parade and learn how alumni can assist with the career development of L-R students.

Homecoming Highlights

Piedmont Educational Foundation/Bears Club Homecoming Gala

Great food, music, silent & live auctions highlight this second annual event. For reservations, contact the Piedmont Educational Foundation at 828/328-7130.

Sports Hall of Fame

2003 inductees to the L-R Sports Hall of Fame are: Raeford Thomas '57, Levo Sperotto '58, Rick Padgett '76, and Garry Brown '78.

Alumni Association Annual Fund Donor Recognition BBQ

A big thank you to our Annual Fund supporters from your Alumni Association. There'll be great food, music from The Last Chance Band, children's activities and much more. 2002-03 Annual Fund donors will receive a personal invitation in September as will reunion groups.

Bear Football

Your Bears take on conference rival Presbyterian College in the annual Homecoming game.

While on Campus...

Show your Bear spirit!

Get all your Bear necessities in the campus bookstore in the Cromer Center, open Saturday 9 am – 2 pm. Save 10% on non-sale merchandise with your Alumni Association membership card.

Welcome Home!

The Alumni Office wants to welcome you back to campus in style! Contact us at 828/328-7171 or 800-361-2704 for more information concerning any Homecoming event.

Reunions & Special Groups

Reunion information for the following groups has been mailed. If you're a member of one of these groups and have yet to receive an invitation, call the Alumni Office immediately.

- Classes of '73, '78, '83, '93, and '98
- Harlaxton Alumni
- Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity 20 Year Anniversary
- Band Alumni
- Black Student Alliance



10 am

Homecoming Parade

11 am

Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony – P.E. Monroe Auditorium

11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Alumni Association Annual Fund Donor Recognition BBQ – Football Practice Field

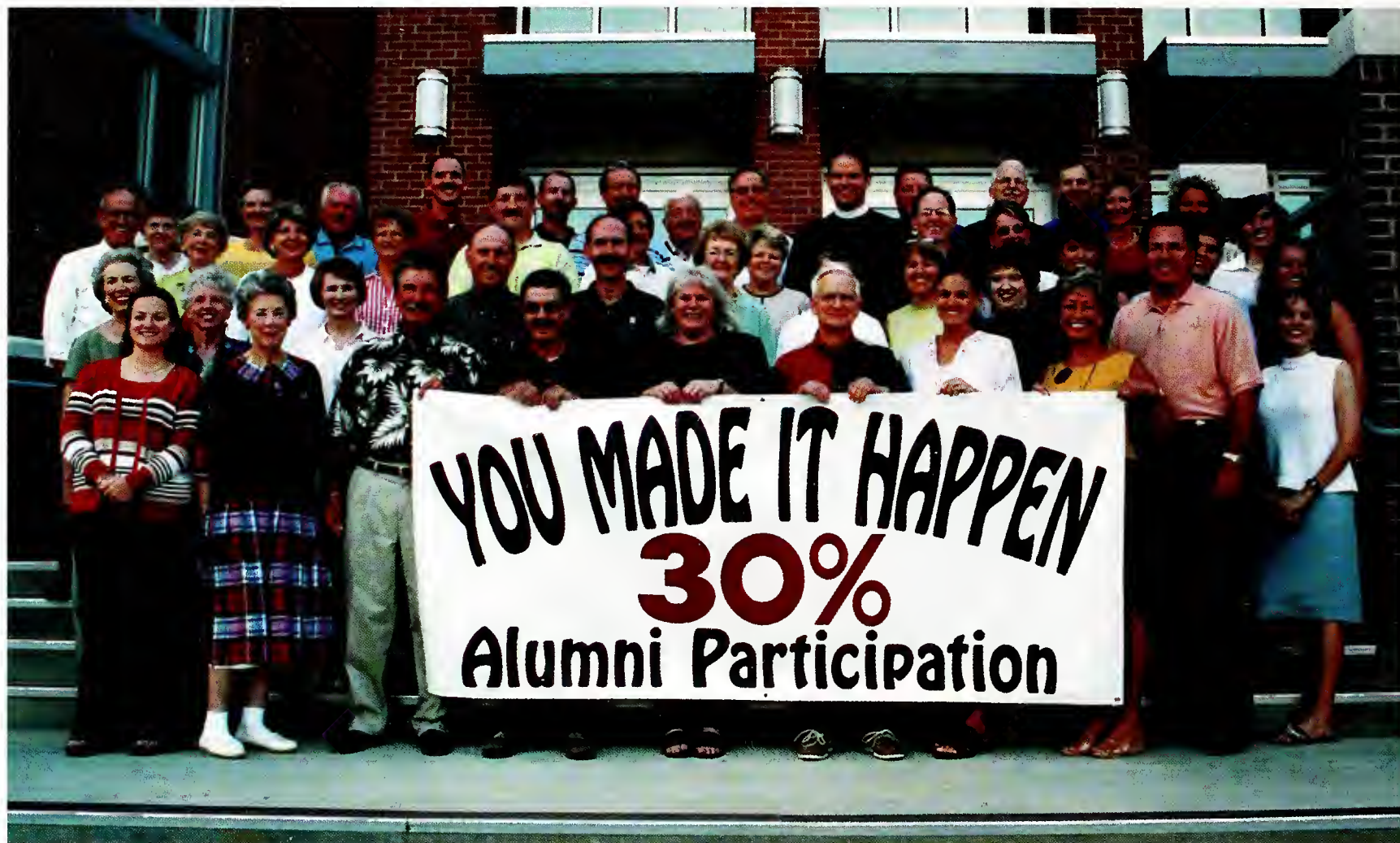
2 pm

Kickoff! Bears vs PC at Moretz Stadium

Meet the homecoming queen, king and court at halftime.

For up to date information on all Homecoming activities, visit L-R on the web at: www.lrc.edu/alumni/homecome.html

Alumni set new record



Lenoir-Rhyne reached a milestone in 2002-2003. For the first time in its history, the College's Annual Fund received contributions from 30 percent of alumni. This giving level tells the world that our alumni value their education and want to make sure Lenoir-Rhyne continues to thrive. It is no coincidence that the top colleges in the nation also have a high level of alumni giving. Achieving this level of participation is also important because many foundations consider alumni giving as part of their criteria for making grants. Thanks to everyone who made it happen, especially our National Annual Fund Chairs **Steve '62** and **Sandra '65 Eades** and our class agents.

Annual Fund National Chairs **Steve '62** and **Sandra '65 Eades**, class agents, Alumni Association Board members, chapter chairs and L-R advancement staff hold a banner celebrating our record-setting year for Annual Fund participation.

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